

Town of Mansfield  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Meeting of 18 November 2015  
Conference B, Audrey P. Beck Building  
**MINUTES**

*Members present:* Aline Booth (Alt.), Quentin Kessel, Scott Lehmann, Grant Meitzler, John Silander, Michael Soares. *Members absent:* Joan Buck (Alt.), Robert Dahn, Neil Facchinetti.

**1.** The meeting was **called to order** at 7:31p by Chair Quentin Kessel. In the absence of Dahn & Facchinetti, Booth was appointed a voting member for this meeting.

**2.** The **draft minutes** of the 21 October 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**3. IWA referrals.** Consideration of W1557 (Niarhakos, 101 East Rd) was deferred to the December meeting, at the request of the applicant.

**4. 2016 Meeting Schedule.** The Commission ratified the proposed 2016 regular monthly meeting schedule after verifying that all the dates are indeed third Wednesdays and accepting on faith Jennifer Kaufman's assurance that none conflict with significant religious holidays.

**5.** According to Booth, **Joan Buck** is doing well but is not yet able to drive; she appreciates being given more time to consider whether to continue as an alternate Commission member.

**6. UConn Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility.** Kessel reported that construction of a new facility to receive hazardous waste generated at UConn and hold it for transfer to somebody else's backyard is being put off until next year; it was to have been completed in January 2016.

**7. Storrs Center update.** Kessel noted that the Town will acquire 23 acres of open space in the Storrs Center development, though he recalled hearing in a presentation to the Commission some years ago that it was to be 30 acres. The promised underground storm-water retention and infiltration system to recharge groundwater has been constructed.

**8. Monitoring Town-held Conservation Easements.** The Commission has been charged with monitoring Town-owned conservation easements, which now number about fifty. It will aim to monitor ten easements per year. To begin this process, Kaufman has provided maps and other material on three easements, asking the Commission to let her know at least a week in advance when monitoring will occur so that she can notify landowners by letter. Kessel, Soares, and Silander (resp.) agreed to organize monitoring of these easements: Glen Terrace (Elise Rd), Rudi Favretti (Middle Tpk), and Silver Falls Development (Birch & Hunting Lodge Rds) (resp.). It was suggested that:

- At least two Commission members participate in any monitoring visit. (Kessel)
- Commission members be notified of such visits in advance by e-mail and invited to participate. (Lehmann)
- Photographs be taken of evidence of any violation of the easements – constructing outbuildings, storing dead cars, dumping refuse, cutting trees, etc. (Meitzler)

**9. Adjourned** at 8:40p. Next meeting: 7:30p, Wednesday, 16 December 2015.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 19 November 2015; approved as amended 16 December 2015.