

**CHESHIRE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL ROOM 210 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Jodee Heritage and Jackie Sima.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Heritage called the roll.

Members in attendance at tonight's meeting were Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Jodee Heritage and Jackie Sima.

**III. Determination of Quorum
Commissioner Attendance Summary**

Members not in attendance at tonight's meeting were Matt Abdifar, Carrie Collins-White (and Daniel Grasso).

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

V. Acceptance of Minutes Regular Meeting – March 9, 2016

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting with no corrections.

Moved by Ms. Sima. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

VI. Communications

1. Roaring Brook Flyer

Commission members received a copy of the Roaring Brook flyer.

Chairman Sherman said this item would be addressed under the Calendar of Events item on the agenda.

VII. Calendar – Events

1. Artsplace - Roaring Brook event April 23, 2016, rain date April 30

Chairman Sherman asked Ms. Heritage for an update on the Roaring Brook event.

Ms. Heritage addressed the Commission regarding the April 23, 2016 Kensett - Roaring Brooks Artsplace event.

Ms. Heritage talked about the rain date for the event which is April 30, 2016. She said she's been in touch with the Art League and the Land Trust.

Ms. Heritage said Land Trust member Mark Kasinskas may give a talk at the event.

Ms. Heritage explained there will be a number of artists set up along the Roaring Brook trail, painting the landscape the way Mr. Kensett did.

Ms. Heritage said that plant landscape artist Tony Falcone will be at the event.

Ms. Heritage provided the Commission with information regarding the coordination of the event. She will have a tent and waters and a table.

Chairman Sherman said he also had a tent available to use at the event.

Ms. Simone said she'd provide the small bags with the Commission's logo on them and trail maps and a display sign.

Ms. Simone explained that the Park and Recreation Department was at the site mapping the trail. She said they planned to dismantle fire pits that were along the trail.

The Commission talked about the trail accessibility.

Ms. Heritage informed members the event would take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; she said she didn't know how many people they expect at the event; and that they hope for a successful event.

VIII. Unfinished Business

1. Dime Savings Property Naming

Chairman Sherman informed Commission members that he spoke with Town Council member Tim Slocum about the naming of the Dime Savings property.

Chairman Sherman said it was suggested that the Commission resubmit the proposed name for the property with added information and try can.

Ms. Heritage suggested that Tim Slocum be invited to the next Commission meeting to talk with him about the details of the naming.

There was discussion about the naming process and criteria to follow for the naming.

Ms. Sima suggested opening up the naming to town residents to encourage awareness of the property.

Ms. Simone provided information about the property site – she explained this property is the largest of the town's open space properties at 300 acres. She explained the town has been working on the smaller open space property sites to get the process down (for access).

Mr. DeVlyder asked about the status of the property survey.

Ms. Simone explained now that the town budget has been approved the survey of the property is on the agenda.

At this point in the meeting (at 7:16 pm), Ms. Sima informed the Commission that she had to leave the meeting.

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment

The meeting was ended at 7:16 p.m. with Ms. Sima leaving the meeting.

The Commission did not have a quorum after Ms. Sima left the meeting so the meet ended.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carla Mills
Recording Secretary