

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING
May 2, 2013**

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Special Meeting on May 2, 2013 in MEETING ROOM II of Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gumper, Chairman; Kathleen Maxham, Vice Chair; Frank Rice; Elizabeth Jones; Richard Santalesa. **ALTERNATES:** Felicia Watson; Sam Boyarsky. **ABSENT:** Catherine O'Donnell. Letitia Ferguson, resigned. Also Present: Thomas Steinke, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; Edward Jones, Wetlands Compliance Officer/Open Space Manager; and members of the public and press.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Chairman Gumper.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES: Sam Boyarsky and Felicia Watson were appointed to sit as full members.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Proposed Mill River Remediation at the former Exide Battery Site, 2190 Post Road, Fairfield. Cindy Cook, Facilitator, is working with people from the Town, State and Exide to finalize plan that will satisfy everyone concerned. There were a number of meeting dates that had to be cancelled.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Request from Dr. Chris Elphick and Chris Field of the University of Connecticut for permission to conduct surveys of Marsh Birds and Plants within Tidal Marshes on the Town Open Space areas and request of New England Wildflowers Society to conduct wildflower surveys on Town Open space areas. Mr. Steinke explains the survey would be in the open spaces. The specific areas will not be disclosed because the town has experienced people who will remove whatever they can find of value in the areas. Mr. Gumper suggests a motion to empower Staff to authorize qualified professionals to go on the open space areas and make surveys of wildlife and botanical life which such conditions as Staff thinks is appropriate, including adequate proof of insurance that protect the Town. Kate Maxham *moved* to adopt Mr. Gumper's suggested language, and Elizabeth Jones *seconded*. *Motion passed unanimously.*

II. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Conservation Commission, Kevin Gumper *moved*, and Kate Maxham *seconded* to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully,

Jacqueline Brown
Recording Secretary

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL BY
THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**