

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

PRESENT: Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo; Vickie Dirienzo; Bill Sleavin; Carolyn Flint;
and Cole Goodrow, Student Liaison

ABSENT: Susan Dwyer; Lana Torres; Eric Myers

GUEST SPEAKER: Guy Wanegar, Connecticut Geothermal Association

Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the special meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 9, 2014 special meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Vickie Dirienzo, seconded by Bill Sleavin, the minutes from the September 9, 2014 special meeting were approved (4-0-0).

STUDENT LIAISON

The Commission welcomed Granby Memorial High School student, Cole Goodrow who has been officially appointed as student liaison by the Granby Board of Selectmen.

CONNECTICUT GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

Guy Wanegar presented the Conservation Commission with interesting information about geothermal energy which uses surface warmth to transfer heat from one place to another. It can efficiently run both heating and air conditioning and is a viable source of energy for both private homes and public buildings.

CELEBRATE GRANBY

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo will review the schedule for manning the booth at Celebrate Granby and make sure a copy of the Natural Resource Inventory is available for viewing. V. Dirienzo will put together an ad for the Drummer, informational pamphlets about the Conservation Commission and a larger scale presentation poster for display. B. Sleavin will provide copies of trail maps that his Westfield State University students and Commission members helped to map.

CLEAN ENERGY GRANT

A portion of this grant money will be used to purchase reusable bags to pass out at Celebrate Granby.

Grant money will also be used for a sign for the Recreation Center illustrating how the solar panels there work. Eric Myers and Cole Goodrow will be designing the sign which will be submitted to the Town Manager's office for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

V. Dirienzo presented information about a bike trail program. C. Flint will continue with further research about this program.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission members discussed and agreed upon the schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 calendar year. The meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The next Conservation Commission Special Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by C. Flint, seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti
Recording Secretary