

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Lana Torres

GUEST SPEAKER: Samantha Sojka, Northeast Utilities, CL&P

Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the special meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 23, 2014 special meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Carolyn Flint, seconded by Vickie Dirienzo, the minutes from the September 23, 2014 special meeting were approved (6-0-0).

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION

Samantha Sojka presented the Commission with information about a program being offered to Connecticut towns enabling them to earn points for energy audits town residents have done on their homes. The points earned offer the town up to two \$5,000 grants per year, which must be used within one year towards energy saving projects. To date, 113 of 169 Connecticut towns are participating in this program.

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo will present this information to the Town Manager's office for consideration.

CELEBRATE GRANBY RECAP

Commission members who manned the booth at Celebrate Granby reported that there was a fairly steady stream of people who showed an interest in the Conservation Commission.

SOLARIZE CONNECTICUT

V. Dirienzo and E. Myers will research the life expectancy of solar panels and put a report together to present to the Town Manager's office. In order for the Solarize Connecticut program to be successful in Granby, the town must support it.

CLEAN ENERGY GRANT

The remaining grant money will be used to purchase reusable bags promoting the Clean Energy Program and the Conservation Commission; and on a sign for the Recreation Community Center at Salmon Brook Park which will explain how the solar panels work. V. Dirienzo and C. Goodrow will design the sign.

OLD BUSINESS

S. Dwyer continues to try to make contact with the Barkhamsted Conservation Commission for information about their participation in the biodiversity program with the DEEP.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Sleavin reports that he has already mapped the new Land Trust property on Higley Road.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by B. Sleavin, seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0) to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

The next Conservation Commission Special Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti
Recording Secretary