

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Lyman Hall High School Agricultural, Science, and Technology Center
70 Pond Hill Road
Wallingford, Connecticut
Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Wallingford Conservation Commission was held April 20, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., at Lyman Hall High School Agricultural, Science, and Technology Center, 70 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT, for the purpose of attending a tour of the facilities.

PRESENT: Mary Heffernon, Chair, and Commissioners Jeff Borne, Dianne Lendler, Dianne Saunders, Ken Ryan, and Carl Arsenault, and Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner, and two members of the Stewards of Tyler Mill, Harry Hubbard and Shirley Hall.

NOT PRESENT: John Lathrop, Vice Chair, and Commissioner Tom Pietras.

Chair Heffernon convened the Special Meeting at 3:35 p.m. in the lobby of the Lyman Hall High School Agricultural, Science, and Technology Center, indicated the purpose of the Special Meeting, and took roll call. She noted the Commission has been very pleased and impressed with Center student involvement in Commission volunteer projects at Tyler Mill Preserve.

Emily Picard, Director, Agricultural, Science, and Technology Center, welcomed the Commission and the other visitors. She introduced Diana Bloom, a senior student at the Center, and together they conducted a tour of the facilities including the small animal science classroom, the plant science classroom and greenhouse, the floral sales department, the aquaculture lab, the natural resources classroom, the mechanic shop, the indoor riding rink, and the large animal science classroom called "The Barn". She noted there was a need for a pasture area on campus for the Center's resident livestock. The former lease area rented from the Town was too ambitious an undertaking and so students now use a smaller hay field nearby on Harrison Road for learning about hay production.

Ms. Picard noted the school has the highest performance rating level of Connecticut's 19 Ag. high school facilities. At full enrollment, there will be 340 students drawn from the southern Connecticut area towns. Ms. Picard indicated community involvement was a key element in the school's mission and she looks forward to working with the Commission down the road.

Chair Heffernon stated the facilities were very impressive, that Commission would be delighted to continue its association with the school. She thanked Ms. Picard for the tour. She adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin O'Hare
Environmental Planner & Acting Recording Secretary