

## Conservation Commission Minutes

1/9/17

Attending: Megan Sheehan, Bob McKeagney, Bret Bergst, Bob Klotz, Barbara Dee, Dan Hogan, Jody Meredith Absent: Meg Braley, Rick Foss-Lacey Guest: Tom Blake

Several Commission members met with Tom Blake before the scheduled meeting to gain his insight on the Freshwater Compensation Fund Proposal. We also discussed a number of Commission concerns with him including the condition of the pond near Mildred Street, Old Joe's Pond, the workings of the Open Space Inventory Group, and the history of the Open Space Committee/Plan.

Minutes from 12/19/17: approved

Open Space Inventory Project: Barbara and Dan who have been attending the open space meetings shared the need to refine and change the current process. The Commission discussed the need for a broader approach to the issue of Open Space in the City. Before advocating such a process, we felt the need to educate ourselves by reading/rereading the Open Space Strategic Plan which was completed in June, 2001. Barbara distributed copies of the plan and Megan will also post it to the Commission's Google Doc folder. All Commissioners are asked to read the plan prior to the next meeting.

City Council Workshop: The workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 30, 2017. The members of the Commission discussed a number of topics they would like to present to the Council. We will prepare for the workshop during the 1/23/17 meeting. Members are asked to reread the Commission's charter, the 2015 Annual Report, the engineering study about Mildred Street pond, and the memo that asked the Council for the meeting. All documents will be posted to the Google Doc folder.