

Chester Conservation Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2013

**Members In Attendance:** Margot Burns, Peggy Wilson, Pat Woomer, Sandy Prisloe, Errol Horner

**Members Absent:** Claudia VanNess, Rick Holloway

Meeting Convened at: 7:40 PM

Approval of July 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Audience of Citizens:** None Present

**Correspondence:** CIF Newspaper circulated as well as the Association of Conservation of Inland Wetlands. Voted to enroll in 2013-14 Membership.

The Board voted to allocate \$110 for this purpose from budget funds. Motion made by : P. Wilson, Second: P. Woomer.

**Old Business:** ( P. Woomer) Solar Program "winding down" with initial goals met. Ten installation completed within the community, with 30 formal proposals still pending.

Efforts will be made to continue the Business component: seek financial programs and incentives which serve the energy conservation interests for Chester,

both business and residential projects and improvements.

Public Act 490 was discussed. There is general confusion either by lack of fully understanding the Act, or the Act may be written to generally in nature

to properly relate to regions which don't quite fit the Agricultural model presented in the Act. Chester may be better suited for agricultural operations which

are not tied to the soil: poultry, livestock, etc. Sandy will meet with Ed Meehan to discuss the way in which Chester may begin to look at rational approaches

towards future zoning and Planning which address the inevitable future possibilities for attracting and promoting agricultural growth for the Town of Chester.

**New Business:** M. Burns distributed literature describing current methods on installing eel ladders to existing dam and migration impediments. The Board discussed

the subject with an eye on the bridge repair at the Good Speed Opera property. Previous discussions regarding introducing fish ladders to this location

were abandoned due to overwhelming upstream obstacles. The goal pertaining to eel ladders would be to ultimately provide a means for the eels to

successfully reach, mature, and breed at both Cedar and Pattaconk Lakes.

The Board discussed the proposal from Aron Manor, to revise the language in the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, for a connection to the Town

sewer system to accommodate a planned expansion to their existing facility. There are some important questions to be answered, especially how such a

proposal would square with the Stale Plan for Conservation and Development.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Errol Horner