

Members present: Gail Pare, Barbara McDonald, Dorothy Watson, Jack O'Reilly, and Susie Carmichael

Also Present: Tom Morgan

Commencement: Pare called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Pare indicated that Phil Auger, Bob Miller, and Dia Brickner-Wood would be available on January 30. Chairman Frink arrived at 7:15 PM.

Minutes of November 15: Pare moved to accept the minutes, O'Reilly seconded. Pare added several stipulations to her motion: That the intent of the committee was to hold two separate meetings: the first would be an open meeting to explain to a larger audience what the open space concept was all about; the second meeting would be targeted toward Newington landowners informing them as to the potential benefits of conservation easements. In the third to last paragraph on page two, the reference to an attorney is to be deleted. All voted in favor of adopting the minutes as amended, except for McDonald who was not present on November 15.

News: O'Reilly announced that ConEd had agreed to purchase a conservation easement from the Town for the recently acquired Murry lot near Trickey's Cove. The proceeds will be donated to the Town's Conservation Fund.

Preparations for January 30 Session: The session will be billed as an informational workshop to discuss the benefits of easements to Newington landowners. Morgan will prepare an explanatory notice, to be proof-read by Frink and Pare, for submission to the Newington Neighbor and for distribution (on January 22) as a flyer to every Newington household. Morgan will have maps available on January 30. Pare will order 30 to 40 Conservation booklets. The order of presentations will be as follows: Auger, Miller, and Brickner-Wood. Pare suggested handouts listing experienced assessors and attorneys. The second session will be held during the week of February 18th. Personal invitations to the January 30 session would be extended by committee members to landowners, as follows:

Marlon:	Beanes and Danny & John Mazeau
Sandy:	Watsons and T. Butler
Tom:	Mike & Hazel Mazeau and Dr. Saber
Gail:	Beals, Colemans, Spinney, and Myers
Susie:	Thomas and Welch
Jack:	Frizzell and Ackerley

Adjournment: The next meeting of the committee will be held on February 7. O'Reilly moved to adjourn. Pare seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

T. Morgan, Acting Sec'y