

**Conservation Advisory Council  
Minutes  
May 13, 2008 Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Tip Garritt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance:** See attached attendance list.

**Secretary's Report:**

\*Minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were distributed to members who did not receive them electronically. The chairman requested a motion to accept the minutes. A motion to accept was made by George Finch, seconded by Ray Szajkowski. Vinnie Ringrose abstained due to the reason he did not receive minutes and did not have time to review them. The motion to accept the April minutes was approved.

\*The Secretary reported that he had received three responses from the letters that had been sent out to absentee delegates and their respective organizations. Responses have been received from New Haven Sportsman's Club, CT Farm Bureau and Ducks Unlimited. All three organizations have expressed an interest in having their delegates attend C.A.C. monthly meetings.

Ed Parker made a recommendation to the delegates that the C.A.C. bring the process of addressing the attendance issue to a conclusion as soon as possible and inform the organizations involved of the Council's decisions.

**Chairman's Report:**

None

**DEP:**

**Conservation Environmental Police Report:**

\*Sergeant Jim Wolfe presented the monthly Wildlife Hotline Activity report. He reported that there were 78 incidents along with 18 arrests. Most of the violations were fishing related.

**BNR Report:** Bureau Chief Ed Parker

**Forestry:**

None

**Marine Fisheries:**

None

**Inland Fisheries:**

None

**Wildlife:**

\*Ed reported that separate wildlife regulation packages should be ready in June to go to a public hearing.

\*Bids came in for the pheasant stocking program at \$10.20 / bird. Vendors are Bordeaux w/ 15,000 birds, Glastonbury w/ 8,000 birds and Plasado w/ 2,000 birds.

\*Ed announced that the new D.E.P. Deputy Commissioner Susan Frechette will be attending the June meeting of the C.A.C.

### **CAC Committee Reports:**

#### **Legislative:**

\*Bob Crook gave his post legislative session report noting that the forestry bill passed with a \$600,000 threshold instead of the originally proposed \$1 million.

\*The Lyme disease Bill and the Marine Fishing license both failed. The D.E.P. will be working informally with the Lyme disease group to come up with a plan to deal with this problem in CT.

\*Bob thanked Rep. Bob Andrews & Rep. George Wilbur for their hard work passing the Forestry bill.

\* Additional failed bills included: 1) A bill to ban guns on D.O.T. property; 2) Ammo coding; 3) Pistol permit waiting time of 8 weeks to 12 weeks; 4) Motor boat fuel tax; and, 5) An act concerning boater safety.

\* The Eight Mile River & Scenic designation was passed giving that water shed area federal protection.

\*Bob talked about the safety issues with Blue Trails Range in Wallingford and reports of "lost bullets" that adjacent land owners were claiming were coming from that range.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

\*Jason Marshall handed out copies of a synopsis of Chris Marino's minutes of the C.A.C. Pheasant Committee meeting with Dale May, Lori Fortin and Mark Clevette at Sessions Woods W.M.A. on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> discussing issues relating the state's pheasant stocking program.

Jason asked the members present to read over the minutes and come back at the June meeting to discuss in more detail and to add any comments delegates might have at that time

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

\*Fred Frillici brought up the topic of the Chairman doing a better job of organizing the agenda with specific topics with time constraints so that the meetings run smoother with less off topic conversations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Frillici and seconded by George Finch. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Marshall  
Secretary: C.A.C.