

**Connecticut Invasive Plants Council**  
**March 13, 2007**

**DRAFT Minutes**

**Present:**

Members: Dave Goodwin, Nancy Murray (representing Ed Parker), Mary Musgrave; Tom McGowan, Lou Magnarelli, David Sutherland

Others: Donna Ellis

Lou Magnarelli called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm .

Tom McGowan moved adoption of the February minutes, Dave Goodwin seconded; and they were approved.

**Legislation** Lou reported on the legislative hearings on Bill 282, It was noted that the Environment Committee did not vote on the bill, but rather sent it to the Appropriations Committee as a "change of reference". The Council's proposed language was not included, so the bill is solely a funding bill at present. The group discussed various legislators who might be able to help with getting the Appropriations Committee to both include our language and provide funding for our proposals.

**Federal Funding Request** Magnarelli reported that he had had a request for a copy of our Annual Report from one of US Representative DeLauro's staffers, that he surmised was generated by Representative Fritz's request to that office to provide federal funding to implement the recommendations of our council.

**Porcelain Berry** Magnarelli noted that we are waiting for nursery industry input concerning their perspective on porcelain berry. Goodwin remarked that he does not think it is very important commercially to the industry. It was reaffirmed that we will hold off any potential action on banning the plant until next year's legislative session.

**Aquatic Invasives Plan** Nancy Murray noted that the Aquatic Nuisance Species plan that she and her colleagues have been working on has been sent to the Governor's Office for approval. Upon such approval, it will be submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. Final approval will make the DEP eligible for federal funds to implement components of the plan. DEP will be requesting \$50,000 - \$60,000.

**The next meeting will be April 10, 2007 in the Ensign Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor at DEP.**