

**CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2008**

INTRODUCTION & BUSINESS

Nancy Mendel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. and welcomed Section members and SWEP members to this joint meeting with SWEP.

Nancy announced that our next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2008 and will be a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning section. The presentation will be on Conservation Easements.

There were no Committee Reports.

PRESENTATION

Holly Winger of Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman, Presentation Moderator, introduced the distinguished panel:

Betsy Wingfield, Chief of the Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, Connecticut DEP.

Curt Johnson, Program Director & Senior Attorney, CT Fund for the Environment

Stanley C. Glantz, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Konover Development Corp.

Helen Rosenberg, Economic Development Officer, City of New Haven.

The panel discussion covered the tensions between development of brownfields and greenfields, both in the inner city and suburbs; the environmental considerations of development, including remediation of existing contamination in the ground; the potential exposures that can occur from renovation of existing buildings; environmental impacts to communities; economic development needs; and impediments to redevelopment. All agreed that development was inevitable and desirable. However, differences in perspectives were evident when discussing issues, such as resources, liabilities and priorities.

The Chair thanked the panel and particularly Holly Winger for putting together and moderating a very animated and informative evening.

Adjournment at 8:57 p.m.

Doug Pelham, Secretary, Environmental Section