

Conservation Commission
PO Box 552, Norfolk CT 06058
Minutes- Regular Meeting
June 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. In attendance were commission members John Anderson, Libby Borden, Shelley Harms, Martha Klein, and Susannah Wood.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May minutes, and was seconded; the May minutes were unanimously passed.

Correspondence

The Norfolk Website transition is complete but we now can't access our web email.

Action Item: Klein to follow up with town webmaster to inquire about accessing email and our new password.

CACIWC newsletter arrived and was distributed. We received two requests for membership, from Litchfield Hills Audubon & CT River Conservancy (formerly CT River Watershed Council). We will not purchase memberships in these organizations. We maintain memberships with CACIWC and CLCC. Our membership for CACIWC was not renewed.

Action Item: Anderson will follow up on membership for CACIWC.

Letter received by Klein from First Selectman Matt Riiska stating that Klein was made a full member; was sworn in at meeting by Harms. Corrigan was sworn in at town hall already.

Stream flow of local rivers being published today by DEEP. ct.gov/DEEP/streamflow

Budget

This years budget was \$2750.

We spent \$1615 and have \$1135 in the budget now
\$400 is left for invasive species removal.

OLD BUSINESS

Road Salt

Wood is getting advised on how to use salinity tester; she will follow up after training and will share with other members of Road Salt team.

City Meadow Erosion

Tubes were installed to prevent erosion. Contractor to return to treat phragmites and will seed subsequently.

Invasive Plant Disposal Plan: tabled.

Invasive Plant Map for Hub

The Map is ready to post at the Hub, with cards to note location of invasive plants and contact info. We also want to have a copy of the NRI and bird list next to the Invasive Plant Map. The Hub will not be selling things but we can post a notice saying "Reference copy; NRI is available for purchase at Town Hall".

Action Items: Anderson to get more NRI copies made to sell and will give a copy to Norfolk Land Trust. Harms will get copies of bird list.

Native Plant Exchange

Report from Harms on Native Plant Exchange on June 9: approximately 20 plants were distributed, many people reported the amount of invasive plants removed, and many invasive plant hand-outs were distributed.

Station Place Path

Anderson attended a meeting about the "Charrette" which is a plan for the downtown area. This plan will be incorporated into the POCD plan. Stakeholders at meeting included town business people, fire dept. etc. The plan currently has a focus on traffic and parking, and making downtown more appealing. Plan recognizes need for slower driving in town and "traffic calming". Maps from the meeting are on display at Norfolk Hub. Next meeting of planning group will be during the weekend in Norfolk.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Day

The June 16th work day was cancelled. The next Conservation Commission Work day will be Sunday, July 22 at 9am at Buttermilk Falls Park. Some of us oppose the use of environmental poison and human health hazard Glyphosate.

Action Item: Nash will provide botanical herbicide for work day, if possible.

Items for next meeting agenda

Turtle breeding habitat protection

Pollinator friendly plantings on Village Green

Action Item: Wood is investigating pollinator friendly plantings on Village Green and removal of invasive trees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted on June 26, 2018 by
Martha Klein, secretary