

Conservation Commission- Town of Norfolk
P.O. Box 552, Norfolk, CT 06058

Regular meeting minutes
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair John Anderson at 6:06 p.m. In attendance are commission members John Anderson, Martha Klein and Susannah Wood.

Minutes

A motion was made to amend the December minutes which was headed “regular meeting” although it was a “special meeting”. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved to amend and approve December minutes.

Correspondence

Action Item: Klein will follow up with First Selectman regarding whether town commissions will have email addresses or not. Then we may add a phone number to our correspondence and add a number to the website for those wishing to contact us.

Budget

See December minutes

Public comment period was deferred as no members of the public were present.

Old Business

Road Salt issues:

Wood talked to Ed Machowski about water testing data; he is working on a document for us. Wood is awaiting the completed data set regarding water testing already done in Norfolk, and will share with the group when she receives it.

Invasive Species Brochure: tabled

Natural Resources Inventory 10 year update:

For addition to POCD, Anderson is asking for suggestions of new topics for updated NRI. The maps for the POCD are being updated; we will utilize some of the same maps as P&Z is using for the updated NRI, to save money. There may be differences between maps used in NRI vs. POCD such as zoning maps, but we need to update the ones that we will share. The maps we will share need to be the same for POCD and NRI. We may need to update vernal pool inventory for town. Maps should be updated for POCD by spring approximately.

Action Item: Anderson will ask Machowski to look at Aquatic Habitat map for any inaccuracies or changes.

Action Item: Wood will compare Aquatic Habitat with Critical habitat for consistency.

Action Item: Klein will ask Borden to look at Protected and Managed land map for any updates/changes.

Action Item: Wood to ask Michele Sloan about 490 map for any changes or updates.

Action Item: Klein will ask Havermeyer to check on changes to historic resources map and historic features of Norfolk Center.

Action Item: Anderson to check with Town Planner Glenn Chalder re: formatting maps so that there is consistency between POCD and NRI map- "Managed land and future land use".

Discussion of definition of managed open space.

Planning 2019 Activities:

Action Item: Anderson to confirm location of May 11 "Talk & Walk" event at the Hub, and Klein to do promotions. We are cancelling May 25 work day. We will be flexible regarding the follow up work day which should perhaps be postponed until June. Memorial Day weekend is not a good time for an outdoor work day.

June 8th Plant Exchange at the Farmer's Market:

Action Item: Anderson and Pradhan need to confirm that we can get the donated plants before the plant exchange date.

Town Owned Land

Action Item: Wood will meet with Barry Webber of Norfolk Community Association regarding Village Green planting with native, pollinator friendly, low maintenance shrubs. Also a discussion of invasive trees on the Village Green (Norway maple, Sycamore maple) and potential management strategies.

Reminder to do the follow up on maps that we are assigned.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Martha Klein, secretary

Jan. 23, 2019