

**Conservation Commission**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

FINAL

**Members Present:** Bill McCann, Patricia Bailey, Lucille Hinkley, Geoff Gwyther and Colette Shulman

**Absent:** Joanna Wozniak- Brown and John Foley

**Also Present:** Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

**Call to Order:**

Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:11 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of June 10, 2015**

Commissioner P. Bailey Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 10, 2015 as written.

Seconded by: C. Shulman

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Regular Meeting of July 8, 2015**

Commissioner P. Bailey Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 8, 2015 as written.

Seconded by: C. Shulman

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Correspondence:**

**CACIWAC-** membership renewal notice

**Habitat Newsletter-** An informational workshop will take place November 14<sup>th</sup> in Wallingford.

**Conservation Options-** forwarded by P&Z Chair J. Burruano

**Budget Discussion:**

Chair, Wm. McCann reported the monthly expenditure report is in better shape compared to last year.

**Old Business**

**Natural Resource Inventory Report**

Chair, Wm. McCann suggested the Commission meet in September possibly the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> to conduct a workshop to go over updates Mr. McCann will send out an email to work out the time and date with the rest of the Commission.

**Knotweed Treatment Update**

The Commission discussed one last cutting of knotweed this season and have a licensed vinegar based herbicide application. The cost will be approximately \$170 to \$200 for the applicant and chemical. Chair McCann has discussed this process with the ZEO as well as IWWC and has received approval. A tentative date for application is September 26<sup>th</sup>. The final step is approval of funding from the First Selectman.

### **Munch Meadow Milkweed Program-**

Chair McCann met with P&Z Commission and requested clarification of the original intention of Munch Meadows. It was agreed, the mowing would be limited to a pathway and the "meadow" would be returned to what it was intended. The Conservation Commission intends to begin planting milkweed and various wildflowers to encourage the return of birds and butterflies. Chair McCann has requested the ZEO accompany him on a walk through to point out wetlands and other sensitive areas to avoid. First Selectman Cope had mentioned a source for milkweed seeds, Mr. McCann will follow up.

### **Happy Acres update**

Chair, McCann reported the farm will be holding a Chili Cook off in October to promote the beef from the farm. They are seeking applicants presently. A viewing of the movie "Field of Dreams" was recently offered to the public. The movie was projected on the side of the barn.

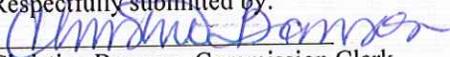
### **Public Comment-**

None

### **Adjournment**

C. Shulman Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Christine Branson, Commission Clerk  
September 16, 2015  
APPROVED AS FINAL November 18, 2016