

Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

FINAL

Members Present: Bill McCann, Patricia Bailey, Joanna Wozniak- Brown

Absent: Lucille Hinkley, Geoff Gwyther, Colette Shulman and John Foley

Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order:

Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:30p.m.

Approval of Minutes Tabled until next month

Correspondence:

CT Land Conservation Council: October 21 and 22 Regional Summit Meeting

Old Business

Natural Resource Inventory Report

Chair, Wm. McCann suggested the Commission meet in October possibly the 26 or 30th 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

Chair McCann reported the vinegar solution was applied to the knotweed by a licensed professional and so far seems like it is very successful, according to a photo sent today from First Selectman Cope. The intention is to review the area in the spring and if it is necessary, tarps will be implemented. Happy Acres tenant farmers, Full Circle Farming are currently teaching their goats to eat knotweed, multi-flora rose, and poison ivy. If the area becomes free of knotweed, the Commission discussed planting Indian grass, blue stem, sunflowers, milkweed, aster, and red clover.

Munch Meadow Milkweed Program-

Chair McCann met with P&Z Commission and agreed, the mowing would be limited to a pathway lined by a split rail fence and the "meadow" would be returned to what it was intended. The Conservation Commission will begin planting milkweed and various wildflowers to encourage the return of birds and butterflies.

Happy Acres update

Chair, McCann reported the tenant farmers are drafting a proposed ordinance to present to the P&Z Commission. The Friends of Happy Acres have met and are in support of the proposal. The Chili cook-off is scheduled to take place October 25th.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

J. Wozniak-Brown Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

November 16, 2015

APPROVED AS FINAL November 18, 2016