

Conservation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

FINAL

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

Absent: John Foley, Colette Shulman and Joanna Wozniak- Brown

Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order:

Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled to the next Meeting

Correspondence:

Aquarion Environmental- seeking nominations for the Environmental Champions Awards, deadline May 4th, 2016.

C. Shulman- letter of resignation to no longer serve as a Conservation Commission Member on the Sherman Land Acquisition Board.

New Business

Sherman Land Acquisition Fund Advisory Board- Conservation Commission Representative

In light of the resignation letter from C. Shulman, the Conservation Commission will need to select a new Commissioner to represent the Conservation Commission on the SLAFAB. Discussion followed, the next Meeting of SLAFAB will be February 17th at 7pm. Chair, B. McCann agreed to attend the first meeting. Additionally, P. Bailey volunteered to be available if needed.

FY 2016-17 Proposed Annual Budget Review

The Commission reviewed the year to date expenditures of FY 2015, as of January 21st, 2016 there is \$ 1,168.77 remaining in the budget. The Commission agreed to keep the request flat for FY 2016-17, same as last year at \$ 1,900.00.

Commissioner P. Bailey Moved to Accept the proposed FY 2016-17 Budget request as flat at \$1,900.00.

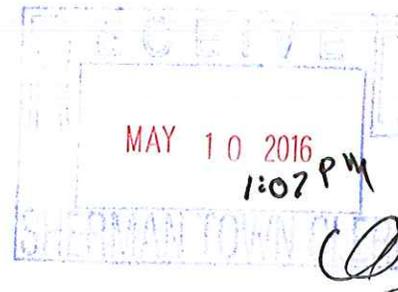
Seconded by: L. Hinkley

Vote: For: Unanimous

Educational Programs for 2016

The Commission discussed several topics they would like to bring to the public. These include:

1. Pesticides and the global impact on the environment, possibly an Earth Day program for April.
2. Weed Warriors: concentrate on target areas possibly three times this year.
3. Munch Meadows : planting schedule and opportunity to bring awareness to public for back yard habitats to attract butterflies and bees.
4. Historic Stonewall preservation: proper maintenance and renovation practices. Could also be a community program to identify local walls through a GPS tagging app.



Old Business

Happy Acres Farm
no update was provided.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment **P. Bailey Adjourned** the Meeting at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
February 17, 2016

APPROVED AS FINAL AT THE MARCH 9, 2016 RMM
