

Conservation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

FINAL

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

Absent: 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:

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016

Commissioner P. Bailey Moved to Approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016 as written.

Seconded by: L. Hinkley

Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence:

The Habitat- A newsletter of the CT Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc- Winter Newsletter

New Business

Invasive Plant Identification for Land Stewards 4/9/16

The Commission discussed a mis-communication of a NAROMI event that was thought to be proposed for April 9th. Geoff Gwyther will reach out to Mr. Jellen to find out when this event will take place.

Weed Warrior event planning

The Commission felt they did not need to hold a Weed Warrior event before May. The knotweed at the school will be assessed in the next couple of weeks to determine if the vinegar/ citrus application affected the return of the plant. Once the knotweed becomes under control, the planting of clover and golden rod may be good ground cover to prohibit the return of the knotweed.

Earth Day on the Green

The Commission discussed plans to have an information table on the Green the weekend of April 23rd where they will provide flyers covering topics such as invasive species, pesticide application risks, and encouraging pollinators in home gardens. Bill McCann will look into creating a poster and signs as well as flyers for the event. Bill will contact Ashleigh Blake who heads this event and will put her in touch with Lucille.

Stonewalls

The Commission discussed details of a future event to demonstrate the restoration of stonewalls. A possible location for the event may be Great Hollow, and May was discussed as a good month for this event.

Old Business

NRIR&R Workshop Scheduling

Chair McCann would like to schedule a workshop next Thursday March 24th at 7:00 pm at Mallory Town Hall in the small meeting room to begin compiling all of the information gathered so far.

Happy Acres Farm

Friends of Happy Acres will sponsor a 5k run April 23rd. The First Selectman has been notified and will co-ordinate constables/ State Troopers. The farmers also intend to hold another Memorial Day B-B-Q

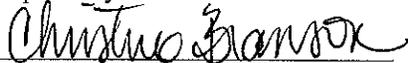
Public Comment-

Commissioner P. Bailey provided a handout with proposal information on the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge. The Great Thicket is seeking landowners willing to donate land to be conserved for endangered species.

Adjournment

P. Bailey Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

March 16, 2016