## NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISION

November 16, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Old High School Media Center Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:02

<u>Present</u>: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Arnie Vlieks, Josh Strunk <u>Regrets</u>: Doug Farrand, Bob Degoursey, Monica Dumont

Minutes: October Minutes accepted as written

Citizen Comments: None

Addition to agenda: election of officers

Due to several commissioners absence, Alexis Kahn is rescheduled for February.

## Old Business:

- 2024 Community Calendars delivered. Changed printer to "Copy Cats" cutting the cost in half. Available at the library and New Town Hall
- Discussed theme for 2025 calendar. Decided on "Waterways around North Stonington" (streams, lakes, etc)
- Trails maintenance. Work on Stewart Preserve was completed. This included new blaze markings, removal of fallen trees and general cleanup.
- Bill and Josh will monitor the Lakeview North Subdivision trail.
- January agenda will include 2024 yearly budget.
- There was some discussion of CC's response at next BOS meeting on 11/21.
  Steve pointed out that Enduro trails should be the primary topic. All agreed.

## **New Business:**

- Bill reported on several of the workshops at the recent CACIWIC conference.
- There was discussion about reapplying for a grant to "Community Trails and Greenways" for ADA accessibility around Assekonk swamp, perhaps expanding to include vista points. All supportive
- Agreed to send a monetary contribution to "River Alliance of CT." for stream brochures.
- A slate of new CC officers was unanimously approved. No changes!
- Loriann Umphlett, Park & Rec commissioner, asked to come to January meeting,

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:10

Voted 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted, A.E.Vlieks, Secretary pro tem