

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting

New Town Hall

Regular Meeting

Call to order: 6:02 PM

Attendees: William Ricker, Robert DeGoursey, Arnold Vlieks, Monica Dumont, Joshua Strunk

Public comments: None (Elaine Calderon attended)

Minutes of February meeting:

- Accepted as written (there was no meeting in March as the commissioners were invited to a meet and greet of town council members, etc.)

Old business:

Calendar sales – Bill

- Sales are low this year
- 125 calendars were ordered, approximately 70 have been sold
This is the first year out of 12 that we lost money on calendar sales
- Theme for next year's calendar – Waterways in town, photos are needed by September

Bike trail mapping – Bill/all

- Current version was review by the attendees
- Some typos and formatting were noted
- Bill will request these changes to be made. When the new version is available copies will be placed in the team mailbox so that members can review before the next meeting. Bill to notify team when available.

2023 POCD – Bill

- The new POCD/PCRL chapter was shared at a recent Planning and Zoning meeting and it was well received.

Mystic Watershed – Bob

- This group is forming committees to address various topics
- Alewife population monitoring in upper Mystic River area shows ~99% decrease, therefore there is a need to re-establish the population as it will impact other species.

Connecticut Trail Day – Josh

- Josh has signed up to lead a group walk at 10:00 AM on Saturday June 1st at Hewitt Farm.
- Lakeview South has not been monitored in 5+ years. Needs attention.

Earth Day (April 22, 2024) – all

- Team members are going to work on various areas around town.
- Elaine mentioned the Boombridge Road boat launch being a spot that needs attention. Monica volunteered to check it out to see how much work was needed. .

(Post meeting note: Monica noted one tire and one pallet in the area in addition to numerous nip bottle, beer bottle and can, soda bottles and trash)

- Cain family on Swantown Rd have noted a large amount of trash dumped, tires, mattresses and detritus. Public Works to be notified and remove.
- ADA Grant – Bill has been submitted; more money was requested this year as we were told we did not request enough

If we are approved for this grant, the Conservation Committee with help with the spur (~100 ft)

Homework – all

- Review the handout on North Stonington 2024 Water Pollution Control Plan

Next meeting:

- Comments on the North Stonington 2024 Water Pollution Control Plan
- Maintenance schedule of the pocket park for 2024
- Discuss criteria for developers, i.e. donation of land requirement, conservation easements

Adjournment: 7:26 PM

Voted: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted by
Monica Dumont. Secretary pro tem
April 21, 2024