

North Stonington Conservation Commission
New Town Hall May 22, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
Minutes

Called to order: 6:07 PM

Present: Bill Ricker, Mike Charnetski, Warren Speh and Richard Blodgett

Absent: Marc Jaffan

Guest: Tony Rose

No citizen's comments

Review of April minutes and accepted as written.

Correspondence:

- E-mail from Pat Turner regarding tree trimming along our roads. Contact from CL&P determined they were not responsible, but likely the state. They abide by the Governor's edict to be environmentally judicious in their trimming.

Ongoing/Old Business:

- Rocky Hollow Recreation Area – Bill and Marc Tate responded to the DEEP Land Acquisition Department with an extensive application for adding 8.3 acres to the Rocky Hollow Recreation area.
- Stewart Hill trail : Disappointedly, just one volunteer showed up April 26th and Bob Fleury with his tractor on the 27th. The trail is complete up to and through the Block property. Less arduous work is still needed to clear and mark areas within the 25 acre parcel for it to be opened to the public.
- Bill wrote a letter to the BOS asking what action is still needed to acquire the 5.5 acres south of the rotary on Rte 2 to be deeded to the town in 1989.
- Bill sent application to Aquarion in support of Hewitt Farm Committee to receive their award.
- Mike represented us at the Bell Cedar Swamp dedication May 4th.

New Business:

- As we have been asked by the First Selectman to monitor the CE's in town, two outstanding parcels (8101 and 1857) on Wyassup Lake Rd had not been included. Motion made and seconded to accept those parcels into the town's monitoring. Discussion: Bill should contact the two land owners and discuss what ramifications this might have for them with a folder needing to be developed, VOTED: 4-0-0
- Bill spoke with John Hines regarding the Rocky Hollow Recreation area land acquisition request. Hines asked him to attend their next meeting June 3rd. The posting of signs cannot be laid out till Tate's return with his GIS capabilities.

- The connectivity of trails between Lake of Isles to Swantown Road and through 3 additional private parcels south-eastward to connect with the exit of the Blue Trail on Pachaug Forest land on Rte. 201 was discussed. The Mashantuckets have not held a meeting in 2 years with one of the topics being our request to pass and repass on tribal land from Lake of Isles to Swantown Road.

Further discussion, with the map layout consideration for our next meeting.

Correspondence:

Marc Jaffan offered material on the Governor's open space grant initiative. Although the deadline in May 31st and too late for action this year, it is suggested this be considered with Marc in attendance with parcels possibly being considered at that time for next year.

Avalonia newsletter and CT Wildlife magazine were received .

Tony Rose was vetted for an alternate commission recommendation. The CC voted unanimously to forward our recommendation to the BOS. 4-0-0

Adjourned 7:40 PM

Submitted by:

Warren Speh, rotating secretary pro tem