

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
North Stonington New Town Hall
March 22, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Bill Ricker, Chair, Dick Blodgett, Vice Chair, Bob Fleury, Treas., Joe Spano, sec., Pat Lewis, alt., Warren Speh .

Action on February 2012 minutes: approved 5-0-0 with following changes: 1. New Business 4. Properties added to land acquisition list: Comstock(2), Macintosh, Camp Wrightman, Westbrook, Birkberk property adjacent to Hewitt Farm, White property along Shunock, Platt property, end of Avery Road. Schweitzer property added to this list.

Treasure's report: no money!

Citizen Comments: none

Officer & Committee Reports:

Old Business:

1. YMCA/Brown property discussion: Dick Blodgett reclused himself. Pat Lewis sat in his place. The Browns and their attorney did not show. A letter from Ann Nalwalk that included maps of surrounding protected property and maps of protected property to the north of the YMCA/Brown property presented by attorney Fred Gahagan(representing Marc Jaffan and Jessica Duda , neighbors of the YMCA/Brown property) were given to the CC . After discussion of what the BOS wanted the CC to recommend(letter from Nick Mullane), the CC recommends that the subject property does fit within the broad plan of conservation and as such does have value to the town. A letter stating such will be sent to the BOS. Passed 5-0-0. After the vote, Dick Blodgett returned as a regular member and Pat Lewis resumed as alternate.

CC alternate: no change. Pat Lewis will join the P&Z but will remain as a CC alternate.

Chester Main Bridle Trail: deed specifications. Bob Fleury will ask the BOS for assistance to clear brush from the trail. Further action tabled until April meeting.

Response from Mashantuckets regarding trail work. Letter from Steven Colebut, Tribal Councilor, states that Mr. Boland will contact the CC soon to develop a plan of action concerning hiking trails on tribal land. Mr. Boland was not aware of the Colebut letter. Matter is on hold.

Notable Tree program - Dick Blodgett will bring material needed for identifying Notable Trees to the April meeting. CC members will look for notable trees and youth groups, senior citizens, science classes, and families will be made aware of the program.

New Business: 1) Continued review of properties to be added to land acquisition list: no new properties, but the Schwietzer property should be on list.

2) Annual review of by-laws: no changes, accepted as written 5-0-0.

3) Draft of recommendations to BOS concerning YMCA/Brown property. See old business.

Correspondence: 1) Thank you letter from the Brown family for treatment at the Feb. meeting. 2) Letter from NSCLA denying use of Milltown preserve for bridle path.

Member forum: News article presented about new funding from the state for grants for open space.

Adjournment: Motion & seconded to adjourn @ 7:55. 5-0-0