

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting @ New Town Hall Conference Room
April 26, 2018 @ 6:00pm
Minutes

Mission: For the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural and historic resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits. (adopted September 2007)

Call to order: 6:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Ricker, Arnie Vlieks, Steve Colgan, Bob Degoursey, Doug Farrand, Jason Mancini, Mike Charnetski,

Regrets: none

Citizen Comments: none

March 2018 Minutes: March Minutes were not distributed

Treasurer's Report: No expenditures

Ongoing Business:

Updates:

- Notable Trees – We are still waiting for some trees to bud to confirm their identification (slippery elm and butternut/pecan)
- Chester Main Bridle Trail: HOA bylaws? – No update
- Wild flower seeding – Mike. Seeds have not yet been received.
- Fracking Ordinance - this will go to a town meeting (likely May 8th or May 15th). The town meeting will also cover the budget. NOTE: update (4-30-18) – Urgo said to hold off as state is working on this.
- "Conveyance Fee" - This never got out of committee and is now a dead issue.
- 2019 calendar progress: town hiking trails – We are waiting for tress to leaf-out. Planned pictures include people mountain biking, running, and riding horses.
- Continue review of map and include properties we would like to add to map of future Recreation and Conservation lands
- Interactive trail map: can't start till paper map completed
- Concern about use of Land Acquisition Funds. The intent of the finance committee was not to take the CC's funds – they were just doing due diligence. The \$10K for future land acquisition will remain in the budget.
- Report from on Senior Project initiative – Jason: Jason will loop back with the Wheeler Senior project Advisor (Jessica Cawley)

New Business:

- Bell-Cedar parcel # 111-C (material e-mailed to you) – Bill: Information has been sent to Mike Urgo and he will pass it onto the town attorney.
- OS/CE Regulations draft packet – Bill – deferred to May meeting
- Trail work for downed trees – This Sunday at Steward Hill – several CC members will attend.
- 3 other land trusts identified
- Check park for winter damage Tire tracks need to be rolled out. NOTE: done 4-29-18 by Bob & Bill
- Plastic bag use. Following up on a NL Day article about Waterford working to minimize plastic bag use, the CC discussed options and decided on the following: Bill to draft a letter to the Stonington CC asking them to consider contacting Stop & Shop with a request to decrease/eliminate the number of plastic bags. The NS CC would offer our support if requested. In addition, a copy of that letter would be sent to the NS Selectmen to consider doing something to minimize plastic bag use on our town.

- Interactive Map: While a few details remain to be sorted out, a draft of the interactive map was completed. Bill to meet with IT director to revise next week.

Handouts: Habitat newsletter

Correspondence: none

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.