

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

May 25, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

Minutes

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*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: 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Bill Ricker, Mike Charnetski, Doug Farrand, Steve Colgan, Jason Mancini

Regrets: Arnie Vlieks, Tony Rose

Guests: none

Citizen Comments: none

Review April 2017 Minutes: accepted as written

Ongoing Business:

Updates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> E-mail to Nate Lynch, The Day correspondent, requesting Notable Tree article. Bill to Nate: call me when you want the information
- Notable trees identification list e-mailed to Conn College for inclusion in CT Notable Tree website but not yet listed.
- Stewart Hill Preserve – Forester Mark Darin says: "Just put it on your maps. Looks good." Their GIS person to walk later.
- Chester Maine Bridle Trail – referendum next step. Their town wide mailing of a post card will be made by J. Edwards. The town will vote on this at part of a referendum. Two other items will be voted on as well, one being the town budget. Actions: Bill to bullet out the facts of the case. The CC needs to develop clearly understood wording for the referendum. Any wording will need to approved by the selectmen.
- New trail signs.
  - Hangman Hill Trail - done
  - Billings Lake trailhead - done.
- Water tower/land trade e-mail – no response
- Conservation easements – six now need to be inspected. Divvy up! Hand out **ID badges**
- Pocket Park update. List of donors (NSCLA, Christies Landscaping, 8 individuals)
  - Grant application from Chelsea Groton
  - CT-DOT response: boulder feature – newspaper kiosk - curbing
  - Survey design
  - Estimated expenses: anticipated \$2500

▪ Loam: 36 c.y.	\$920	Not so incidental incidentals:
▪ Flowering centerpiece tree	\$200	Back-hoe work (grading & holes
dug for plantings)		
▪ Bushes(12) \$50 x 12	\$600	wood chips
▪ Red Cedar 60 x 8	\$480	water for initial planting
▪ Pennsylvania sedge	<u>\$1500</u>	
	\$3700	\$1200 over planned budget

New Business:

- Washburn/Fishbein parcel (5.5 ac off Rte 2)
- Annual CC goals: Review and continue to work on PCRL goals & objectives

Planning, Economic Development and Zoning Officer – Juliet Hodge- sent email to all boards & commission chairs asking to meet with us to see what we've done in the last 3 years. (Discussion of Conservation and Recreation and development of action plan) – postpone to June meeting with Juliet.

- Goal on amount of open space to be protected – hard to do this – will ask Juliet for direction
- What have we done on the PCRL – or at least be responsible for thus far.
- MPTN meeting CE modification request – place on June agenda

Handouts: Conservation Easement article

Correspondence: none

Adjournment: not recorded.