

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
June 21, 2017 @ 6:00 pm
Agenda

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: 6:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Tony Rose

Guests: none

Citizen Comments: none

Review May 2017 Minutes:

Ongoing Business:

Updates:

- No word on requesting Notable Tree article.
- No logging yet of our Notable trees in CT Notable Tree website.
- Chester Maine Bridle Trail – Town Meeting and referendum is the next step but this has been challenged by Jonathan Edwards (reasons for the challenge are unknown). The next step could be a referendum or a just a town meeting. Voting at a town meeting could be a show of hands or a paper ballot. Wording for a referendum will be determined by the Selectmen.
- Water tower/land trade e-mail – no response
- Conservation easements – six now need to be inspected. Diivvy up.
 - #6 Lakeview North subdivision – Steve
 - #8 Wyassup Brooke subdivision - Jason
- Pocket Park update. List of donors (NSCLA, Christies Landscaping, 8 individuals)
 - Grant application denied
 - CT-DOT response: we're approved
 - Estimated expenses: anticipated \$2500
 - Loam: 50 c.y. x \$20/yard \$1000
 - Flowering centerpiece tree \$200
 - Bushes(12) \$50 x 12 \$600
 - Red Cedar (10) 3' free (Sue Sunderland)
 - Annual grass now: over seeding with grass and wild flower mix in Fall \$100
 - The town will strip back the asphalt and take it to the dump – ca end of July
 - Wood chips will be dumped and spread
 - Loam will be delivered and spread (Christie)
 - Cedars will be the 1st plants going in. Grasses, bushes, flowers to follow in the fall.
 - Contractor's mix (annual grasses) will be used to hold the loam in place until the fall. Annual grasses sprout quickly but do not survive the winter – they come back through their seeds (if allowed to grow).
- Washburn/Fishbein parcel (5.5 ac off Rte 2) – update. No word. (95 areas across from Jovial foods)
- MPTN meeting CE modification request – need to research. They met once. They want town to modify the conservation easement on Lake of Isles for an unknown reason. Question: can a conservation easement be modified? (This needs to be researched).

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New Business:

- 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 July 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.

In relation to our goals as detailed in the 2013 North Stonnington Plan of Conservation and Development, the CC has progressed the following:

4.2 (tracks of land be open to the public): Development of the Bridle Trail

4.4 (develop a network of trails): Development of the Bridle Trail

4.5 (development of parks): Development of the Pocket Park at the intersection of Routes 184 and 49

5.5 (monitoring of conservation easements): in progress/ongoing

5.6 (partnerships): letters of support for Avalonia have been issued

5.8 (funding for open space acquisition): \$10K back in budget already (need to confirm)

Handouts: CE folders for monitoring

Correspondence: none

Adjournment: 7:18 p.m.