

**NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**  
**August 8, 2019 @ 6:00pm**  
**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: 6:08

Present: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Doug Farrand, Bob Degoursey (seated member for this meeting as Arnie is not present), Mike Charnetski, Jason Mancini

Regrets: Arnie Vlieks          Guests: none

1. Old Business:

- Monitoring issues – Bill
  - It is recommended to check who owns property parcels (in case the property has recently been sold) before sending any notices to property owners.
- Borderlands monitoring – Doug. Still needs to be done.
- Chester Main Bridle Trail (monitoring still to be scheduled) – Bill – still needs to be done.
- Canoe/Kayak trail progress (summary of July 2nd tri-town meeting) – Bill
  - All interested parties are in favor of this. Rumor has it that this is a great spot for stripers. A strainer tree and some old rebar are current hazards in the river. In addition, an island formed during the 2010 flooding now exists. It will be recommended to be removed by the Army Corps of Engineers. (Bill to contact Mike Urgo requesting him to pen a letter of support for this)
- Hangman Hill Trail signage – Bill & Bob – still needs to be done.

2. New Business:

- Draft of Land Acquisition Fund ordinance – All submit research
  - An Open Space Land Acquisition Fund Ordinance was drafted and will be presented at the BOS meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - A letter to the Selectmen was drafted that details the reasons why a \$40K donation to Avalonia makes good sense for the town.

3. Correspondence: Land Conservation Council membership

- a. We have been asked to contribute and we have given \$250 every year. The CC unanimously agreed to join the LCC again this year.

4. Handouts: Wildlife Magazine – to Bob

Wild & Scenic River booklet - to Mike

5. Adjournment: 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Colgan, CC Secretary