

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting via ZOOM Communication
June 25, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Minutes

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

The Public was able to attend the meeting by calling in through ZOOM at 1 646 558 8656, then entering Meeting ID: 812 5801 9093. Public was able to listen to the meeting and was able to comment under public comment though no one did.

Call to Order: 6:05

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

We had a quorum.

Citizen Comments - none

May minutes – approved as written.

Treasury report – no change. The is \$106.94 in the land use budget and \$18.06 in office portion of the budget. We should be able to pay for the Wintechog Hill trail map this fiscal year (Caruso Signs). Bill to purchase Roundup for poison ivy at the pocket park.

Old Business:

- Monitoring of Fire Fly Farms LLC – Bill
 - Google search indicated no changes. This was confirmed by the property owner. This property is now monitored twice a year (per attorney general decision) and Bill would like to renegotiate this to be consistent with other properties and be monitored every five years. This was agreed to by all members present.
- Trail work on Wintechog property postponed per M. Urgo
 - Postponed until this Tuesday waiting approval by the Selectmen. They voted to support.
 - Three members went out again to map out additional trails on the town property. Bill will work with the IT department to complete the map. A sign will be purchased.
- CE signs at lower end of Chester Main Bridle Trail – Bill
 - deferred
- Simple bridge walkway completed across stream on Pachaug Forest fire road between Wyassup Lake Rd and Cossaduck Hill – Arnie/Steve/Bob/Bill
 - This was reported in the last month's meeting minutes

New Business:

- Rejection by BOF for restoration of Land Acquisition funds. (Only 3 supportive calls were made) – Bill
 - We will bring this up again next year.

- Ongoing update of Boombridge Rd bridge reconstruction progress – Bill
 - Bill met Mike Charnetski at the site. Some boulders are now in the way and need to be removed.
 - Jason will ask the Mashantuckets permission to put in a gently sloping ramp
 - We are on hold until the bridge is completed.
- Blazing trails on Wintechog Hill property.
 - Jim Russel to generate a map tomorrow based on data collected using the Alltrails app.
- Response from Chris Fox, Ex Dir, WPRA re: Pawcatuck River tree blockage
 - This will be done at no cost to the town.
- McIntosh sale to U.S. Dept of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service 70 ac. off Pine Woods Rd
 - This land will now be preserved. It adds to the Eastern Greenway.
- Sharing mowing at Pocket Park.
 - Arnie and Steve to take a turn (August and September, respectively).
- Calendar ready – narrative
 - Nearly complete – we need a few more pictures.

Correspondence/Handouts:

Chris Fox letter, Wildlife Magazine - not handed out as we met via Zoom.

Adjournment – 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by Steve Colgan, CC secretary