

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 23, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Old High School Media Center

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Arnie Vleiks, Bob Degoursey, Jason Mancini

Regrets: Doug Farrand, Mike Charnetski

Minutes of August Meeting: accepted as written

Citizen Comments: none

Old Business:

- Fire Fly Farm monitoring
 - Bill contacted Mike Uργο about this and then with the town attorney who has agreed to look into our request to alter how this conservation easement is monitored.
- Quad-Town Kayak/Canoe Trail wrap up
 - Nice trip! 31 Kayaks + 10 spectators were present at opening ceremony on September 19th.
 - There was a nice article in Westerly Sun – Sept 2 and additional articles in the Stonington Times and The Day.
 - A load of gravel will be used to fill in the ruts
- Harry E. Sheets family preserve – we should add this to our interactive map the next time we decide to update it and they have established trails.
- NoStoFest cancellation – the order of trees was cancelled
- CE signs on lower Chester Main Bridle Trail – we still need to do this after leaf fall
- Pocket Park discussion
 - We decided to add two weeping redbuds at the two ends of the park and to remove the damaged arborvitae.
 - Cardboard and mulch should be added at the back to keep the weeds at bay.
 - A workday to accomplish the above will be scheduled soon.
- Quarterly News article – summer and fall information was included
- Water testing at Hewitt Farm
 - Wood-Pawcatuck wild and scenic steering committee – email sent asking if they could test the water. Mike Uργο also contacted as town is doing testing.

New Business:

- Development of a NoSto Bike Trail – Steve
 - The trail ideally with highlight scenic roads (such as Swantown, Hewett) and points of interest. CC members are actioned to reach out to bikers for feedback on what should be considered for inclusion.

- New initiatives?
 - CC members are actioned to think about this.
- Beginning review of Conservation's section of POCD
 - Last done in 2013. CC is the last chapter – we need to revise and update this section
 - Action – take notes and see what can be done to augmented
- 2022 Calendar – close to completion. Draft was reviewed. Hopefully will be ready for the Oct 3 tag sale.

Correspondence: none

Handouts: CT Wildlife

Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

Submitted by Steve Colgan, CC secretary