

**NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting @ New Town Hall Conference Room**  
**September 27, 2018 @ 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: 6:04

Present: Bill Ricker, Arnie Vlieks, Steve Colgan, Bob Degoursey, Doug Farrand, Mike Charnetski,

Regrets: Jason Mancini,

June minutes: Accepted as written.

Citizen Comments: None

Old Business:

1. Interactive trail map. Looks great! 1 mistake noted – put a new light on Yannatos Preserve. This will be corrected. Plans include putting map in several locations including the library, Chelsea-Groton Bank, school and perhaps other locations.
2. Community Calendar – 2019. Also looks great. It shows various activities on our trails.
3. Jason to draft a letter to Denise Poyer of our endorsement and distribute to CC membership for approval. Not done yet – action item for Jason. Bill was to have signed letter in Land Use office on behalf of our commission.
4. R&M: Mowing Pocket Park & Stewart Hill parking. Question: Do we continue to mow as the weeds are getting complaints? Conclusion: Rototill a path the width of the tiller along the border and put wildflower seeds in after a killing frost – Action Mike.
5. Proposal: each of CC members to walk one of the town owned trails and see if any clearing is needed and then take care of it.
  - a. Steve – Billings Laketo
  - b. Arnie – Steward Hill
  - c. Doug - Assekonk Borderlands
  - d. Bob – Hangman Hill
  - e. Mike – take care of the rototiller and planting the wildflowers.
6. Fracking Ordinance – proposed sources fracking ordinance definitions such as “pollutants” from law dictionary, “contaminated waste” from medical dictionary, and “hazardous waste” from US legal source for agricultural resource research institute. Subsequent discussion by all about how to best develop appropriate language for proposed ordinance. Suggested we move forward on the fracking issue alone rather than wait for legal interpretations of other nomenclature.  
Action: Bill contact BOS
7. OS/CE Regulations draft packet – (Still incomplete data)
  - a. Continued difficulty in confirming development rights tally from State of CT and Nature Conservancy. Commission voted to approve when complete and forward to P&Z and BOS.
  - b. This was reviewed in 2018 and found it continues to be accurate as written..
  - c. Board of Selectmen have now approved us monitoring properties every 5 years.
  - d. The flow chart also has been accepted.
  - e. Currently we don’t know how Act 490 farm and 490 forest have changed since 2010. Bill is working with Juliette and Daryl to get accurate numbers. The thought is to go with the numbers provided by the assessor (Daryl).
8. 2018 goals to be reviewed next month and 2019 goals established.

**New Business:**

1. Arnie's reappointment to 5-year term. Action: Bill to contact the selectmen to reappoint Arnie.
2. CACIWC conference (11/17/2018) and approval to join for 2019. Mike would like to attend the conference. Voted 5-0-0 to approve spending \$65 to update our membership.
3. Bell-Cedar parcel # 111-C (material e-mailed to you) – Bill
  - a. Response from circulated Draft Letter to Sue Sutherland president of Avalonia Land conservancy re: abandoned Bell Cedar swamp parcel 2.02.
4. Proposal for 2020 calendar: Bill will e-mail list of options for commissioners to respond with suggestions. Post meeting Note: Bill sent out options and asked commissioners for feedback.

**Correspondence:** e-mail from Sue Sutherland: their lawyer feels legal action on 2.02 acres in Bell Cedar should not be a problem.

**Handouts:** Connecticut Wildlife, Nature Conservancy calendar

**Adjournment: 7:20pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Colgan, Secretary**

**Next Meeting: October 25, 2018**