

**NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting @ New Town Hall Conference Room**  
**June 28th, 2018 @ 6:00pm**  
**Agenda**

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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:**

**Roll Call:** 6:05pm

**Present:** Bill Ricker, Arnie Vlieks, Mike Charnetski, Jason Mancini, Doug Farrand

**Regrets:** Steve Colgan, Bob Degoursey

**Citizen Comments:** See New Business for Presentation from Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Assoc.

- Presenters: Denise Poyer, Madeline Jeffery, Dick Seager (members of wild/scenic study committee)
- Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic rivers Assoc presentation.
  - o Denise Poyer distributed memo re: Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee Comments to the N.Stonington CC. dated 28Jun2018.
  - o Provided overview of efforts to date and discussed their development of a stewardship plan draft and scope for the 7 selected rivers. (hardcopy of draft plan passed around – reported to be available on the website.)
  - o Association requests the N.Stonington CC review the plan and consider passing a resolution to support the Wild /scenic river designation, endorsing the stewardship plan. And if agreeable, request a letter of support from the CC to the B.O.S. for their endorsement (in July if possible).
- -Motion for the Conservation commission to support and endorse the Wild and Scenic Rivers designation for the Wood-Pawcatuck rivers and tributaries and stewardship plan per proposal, provide letter of endorsement from C.C. and recommend to B.O.S for consideration and endorsement. **Vote on the endorsements – motion by Jason Mancini, second by Arnie Vlieks**
  - Voted: 5-0-0
- Jason to draft a letter to Denise Poyer of our endorsement and distribute to CC membership for approval.
- Bill to sign letter in Land Use office on behalf of our commission.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer Report: \$426.19 remaining in the account to be used by this Friday (end of fiscal year).
  - o Minor Spending update: Printing fees for interactive hiking trail map, ink/paper,
  - o Motion to vote in favor of donating this money into the Hewitt Farm pavilion at the farm in lieu of returning to the general fund by Bill Ricker, seconded by Jason Mancini. **(Votes in favor: Mike Charnetski, Doug Farrand, Jason Mancini, Bill Ricker, Arnie Vlieks, and Bob Degoursey via correspondence).** **Voted: 6-0-0**
  - o Vote to renew membership in Ct Association of Inland and Wetlands Commission Inc. (CACIWC) for the next fiscal year (cost \$100.00).

**Voted– 5-0-0**

**Ongoing Business:**

**Updates:**

- Pocket Park winter kill – 4 bushes replanted.  
Organic fertilizer applied by Steve Colgan.
- 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.
  - Jason asked to table the discussion for a future meeting to explore it more comprehensively than just fracking waste.
- Interactive trail map: Town hiking trail map has been updated and printed (to be mounted with LED lights for interactive features). Stanchion to be built for map display.
- Report from on Senior Project initiative – Jason to pursue during new school year.

**New Business:**

- Bell-Cedar parcel # 111-C (material e-mailed to you) – Bill
  - Circulated Draft Letter to Sue Sutherland president of Avalonia Land conservancy re: abandoned Bell Cedar swamp parcel 2.2 acre (no ownership or taxes paid for > 100 years) to see if they were interested in pursuing acquisition since it abutted their property. Commissioners unanimous in sending letter. First Selectman e-mail supported sending it.
- OS/CE Regulations draft packet – Bill
  - Bill provided update on progress to bring total open space tally to current day.
  - Difficulty in confirming development rights tally from State of CT and Nature Conservancy.
  - Discussion of edits/ formatting changes prior to providing draft to Juliet/ and P&Z commission.

office. Motion made and seconded to complete packet and send packet to BOS and Land Use  
Voted: 5-0-0

**Correspondence:** Land Conservancy letter

**Handouts:** The Habitat newsletter

**Adjournment:** 8:08 PM.

Voted: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Farrand, Secretary pro tem