

North Stonington Conservation Commission
June 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.
Old High School Media Center
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to order" 6:07 p.m.

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

Regrets: Jason Mancini, Mike Charnetski, Doug Farrand

Guests: Will Raggon, Anne Nowak

Minutes of March meeting and May workshop – Accepted as written

Citizen comments – none

Old Business:

- Status of Fire Fly LLC monitoring changes. – Bill
 - After 4+ years of requesting a 5-year monitoring cycle for this parcel (which is consistent with the monitoring of other CEs in town), our proposal is now with the Attorney General for review and approval of a second draft before coming before the court.
- Progress on 5-year Monitoring Status – all
 - Anna Farm estates – needs to be investigated as there appears to be an anomaly detected in Google Maps.
 - Several other parcels also need to be monitored.
 - All commissioners are actioned to complete the monitoring they have in their queue.
- Historic Hiking Trail report with Middle Schoolers. – Bill
 - Dick Seager (Historical Society) and Bill recently took 2 middle school groups on the trail. Students were wondering why there was no plaque for the Charter Oak in the town park. Bill actioned them to petition our Selectmen or NoSto Garden Committee who planted the tree in 1976 if they are so inclined
- CT Hiking Trails Day report. – Steve
 - We co-sponsored a hike with Avalonia on the yellow trail at the TriTown Forest Preserve. 20+ hikers attended and the weather was perfect.
- Pocket Park work day – Bob
 - 4 members of the CC participated. Bushes were trimmed, park weeded, wood chips were spread, and plants were fertilized. The sign provided by the town was faded and a new sign has been installed. Unfortunately, the new sign remains hard to read due to its poor color contrast. 200+ people responded positively to a post on the Town Facebook page along with many honks of encouragement as cars drove by the working party.
- **Reminder:** Wild & Scenic River Trail hike, June 26th Hewitt Farm: 9-11 am
- Progress on Bike Trail mapping – Steve
 - Commissioners were asked to take a look at the map and determine if other "trail worthy" roads or mountain bike roads should be included.
 - Steve to continue to work with Jim Russell to progress this.

New Business :

- Status of joint meeting with BOS as suggested by Selectman Mastroianni not yet scheduled. Note – this meeting is to discuss development of the bike trails and whether or not the CC exceeds its authority.
- Avalonia requested a speaker from CC at their opening of Sheets Preserve @1pm June 26.
 - Bill will honor this request
- Continued review of 2013 POCD chapter on acquiring additional possibilities (bring POCD to meeting)
- A list of ways the CC communicated its plans, goals, status, etc. was reviewed.

Handouts: March/April Wildlife magazine. List of CC communications to public

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Colgan, Secretary

NEXT MEETING JULY 21. No meeting in August