NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Feb 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm New Town Hall Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

<u>Attendance</u>: Steve Colgan, Arnie Vleiks, Bill Ricker, Doug Farrand, Josh Strunk, Monica Dumont; Bob Degoursey (a quorum being present)

Guest: Alexis Kahn (Sustainable CT)

Minutes: January minutes accepted as written.

Citizen Comments: none

Guest presentation:

Sustainable CT – Alexis Kahn – Awareness of sustainability committee function.
Overview of process for certification given. Potential grants available through the program offered. CC activity list of initiatives over past several years shared.

Old Business:

- Bike trail material found by IT. Steve may have a draft by next meeting.
- Mystic River Watershed Association. Bob continues to represent us.
- Calendar sales have been slow.
- Alternative funding for Land Acquisition Fund: memo sent to BOS.

New Business:

- CE submission Bill/Bob shared concern of a potential CE being approved without due process. Determined land was actually given to Cemetery Commission as a grave site was found on the property.
- CE/OS Criteria review: Updated changes made on the Criteria" list. Bill has been asked to represent us at a forthcoming P&Z meeting.
- Work on ADA trail grant: Ready for application to be submitted upon receipt of the cost estimates from Public Works.
- CT Trails Day event Josh will take initiative in planning a public hike.

Our March meeting will be cancelled considering attending an All boards & commissions gathering planned by EDC @ Kingdom of the Hawk at the same time.

Handouts: summary of current CE/OS protocols and flow chart of responsibility for consideration.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn at 7:57 pm Voted:7-0-0 Respectfully submitted,

Doug Farrand, Secretary