

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**October 20, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Old High School Media Center
Regular Meeting**

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:01

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

Regrets: Mike Charnetski, Doug Farrand

Guests: Will Raggon

Public Comments: None

Minutes of September Meeting: Accepted as written

Old Business:

- Status of Fire Fly Farm LLC monitoring – Bill
 - Appears settled. Waiting for attorneys to send to A.G. for determination.
- Bike trail mapping – Steve
 - This work is ongoing
- Wintechog Hill Preserve to be brought before Planning & Zoning – Bill
 - P and Z may discuss this on November 3rd. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- Pocket Park
 - Sign painting – Bill
 - Has been completed and looked great! The text is now much easier to read.
 - Trimming of plants – Steve
 - Boxwood can be trimmed in early Spring. The euonymus mat need to be ripped out – this can be done in the Spring.
- 2023 POCD: continued Conservation & Recreation chapter work – All
 - Nate has resigned and the Town is looking for someone to drive this effort. Our work in updating continues.

New Business:

- CC membership
 - Mike Charnetski has asked not to have his appointment extended for another 5 years.
 - We now have an opening that can be filled.
 - Motion made and seconded to have Bob Degoursey become regular member (from an alternate). Voted: 5/0/0
- Annual Report 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
 - We spent 95% of our allocated funding

- Margaret Murtha property # 2791 et al. - Jason/Bill
 - She has a desire to sell land to the State of CT and has contacted folks there. Jason and Bill are in the loop on this potential transaction.
- Perkins property # 5975 – Bob
 - Google maps indicated activity that was questionable. An inspection was made and the modifications were deemed allowable based on verbiage in the deed.
 - The Kipput property next door also was inspected and it was surmised that the property is for sale. A letter was penned that suggested that the any new owner should be appraised that the property contains a conservation easement. - done
- Bearn draft letter for properties: # 9033, 9569, 2195, 9101
 - The letter encourages her to consider preserving the land and details of how the process can be initiated. – draft approved and letter sent.
- Calendar sales
 - Have been distributed to the Town Hall, Library and Shunock Brewery. A total of 125 were printed. The cost to purchase one remains at \$10.
 - 2024 calendar theme? – discussion postponed

Handouts: draft letters (2), annual report, Murtha emails, 2023 calendars

Adjournment: 7:38 p.m.