

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 17, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Old High School Media Center

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

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

Regrets: Jason Mancini

Guests: Will Raggon

Public Comments: none

Minutes of October Meeting: Accepted as written

Old Business:

- Calendar sales – Bill. Ongoing. Approximately \$200 in sales completed so far. Eight copies have been given to the Historical Society (2 pro bono), 2 copies have been given to the library. Calendars can be purchased at the Library, Town hall, or at the brewery. 125 total were ordered and they sell for \$10 each.
 - 2024 theme?
 - Town events (fair, parade, Tree lighting, bonfire, etc) – this theme was chosen
 - The following ideas were considered but not chosen.
 - Significant Trees
 - High School sports
 - Town organizations – Grange, Scouts, Garden club, Community Gardens, Lions, NO Ed foundations, KNSA, Chikumbuso
- Status of Fire Fly Farm LLC monitoring – Bill – In Eric Callahan's hands – stay tuned.
- Bike trail mapping – Steve. This work is slowly progressing. Mike Carroll will ride more of the trails over his Thanksgiving college break and log mileage, elevation and level of difficulty.
- Wintechog Hill Preserve decision by Planning & Zoning – Bill
 - 12 spoke in favor of maintaining it as town property. Both CC and KNSA submitted written reasons for retention of town owned property. Two residents spoke in favor of selling (to them)
 - The P&Z voted 4-1-0 to recommended not selling the property. Subsequently, the BOS supported the P&Z recommendation not to sell. The no voter felt they should not weigh in on BOS request.
- The 2023 POCD: continued Conservation & Recreation chapter work – All
 - Juliet Hodge will guide the process
 - Ten properties have been identified to add on to our "like to acquire" list. Two properties from previous POCD list have been removed.

New Business:

- Election of Officers
 - Chair - Bill Ricker Voted: 5-0-0
 - Vice Chair – Bob Degoursey Voted” 5-0-0
 - Secretary – Doug Farrand Voted: 5-0-0
- CC membership
 - We currently have one open position wanting to have more balance on commission.
- Grant possibility for handicapped access to Asseconk Borderlands trail – Bill
 - The commission agreed to take this on as a project.
 - Kimberly Bradley from DEEP will send us the application form when they are ready to receive applications.
 - Elaine Calderone, W&S River representative from NoSto, invited to January meeting
 - Consideration for Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council grant (\$4,000 maximum)
- 2023 schedule of 10 meetings approved.

Correspondence: The letter sent to Bearn was returned and resent with apartment number listed.

Handouts: none

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: No meeting scheduled for December

Submitted by S. Colgan, CC Secretary