

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 16th, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Old High School Media Center

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to order: 6:07 p.m.

Attendance

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

Regrets: Jason Mancini

Minutes of November, 2022 Meeting: accepted as written

Guest: Monica Dumont, Will Raggon

Citizen Comments: none

Minutes of Jan 19th meeting: Approved as written.

Old Business:

- Calendar sales – Bill. Ongoing. Remaining 8 copies available for \$5 now that we are well into 2023. Eight copies have been given to the Historical Society (2 pro bono), 2 copies have been given to the library, 1 each given to First Selectman and the new Superintendent of Schools, 5 to be saved for P&Z to be given to new business prospects.
 - 2024 theme
 - Town events (fair, parade, Tree lighting, bonfire, school events) – Need help with photos!
- Bike trail mapping – Steve. This work continues. Shared recent updates and details for discussion.
- Wild & Scenic River Association grant application – Grant submitted. Decision in March.
- CT Recreational Trails Program Grant application -Bill provided updates on universally accessible trail. Current cost estimates developed for grant application. 38-page grant to be submitted this week.

New Business:

- The 2023-2024 budget request of \$20,000 for the Land Acquisition Fund was cut to \$5,000
- POCD planning – update – all
 - Further discussion of most beneficial properties for conservation.
- Trail hiking & clearing – Motion for all commissioners to plan to walk and maintain 4 or 5 trails this year, do maintenance as needed and report back.
- Steve – CT trails day: plan to lead a walk at Sheets preserve.

Handouts: none

Adjournment: 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Doug Farrand, CC secretary