NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Old High School Media Center Regular Meeting

Minutes

Call to order: 6:08 p.m.

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

Regrets: Doug Farrand, Mike Charnetski, Jason Mancini

Minutes of October Meeting: Accepted as written

Citizen Comments: none

Old Business:

Fire Fly Farm monitoring (update):

o We will contact new first selectman to follow up with town attorney.

- Water testing at Hewitt Farm (memo referred to WPCA)
 - Waiting for the testing. A company to do the testing has been secured.
- CE signs on lower Chester Main Trail time to install following leaf fall
 - o Bill and Arnie to cover this
- Development of NoSto Bike Trail: Several on-line resources have been identified that can be used to identify off-road bike/equestrian/motorbike trails:
 - https://www.trailforks.com/trails/map/?activitytype=1&z=14.9&lat=41.44794&lon=-71.88976
 - Pachaug State Forest Mountain Biking Trails | Trailforks
 - The Best Mountain Biking Trails in Pachaug State Forest | Trailforks
 - Trail Finder | Connecticut Trails (uconn.edu)
 - Gravel Road Maps and Biking Routes Gravelmap

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- Community Calendar sales: \$700 to date
- Historic Hiking Trail with Middle Schoolers Bill
 - Dick Seger, Bob Carlson and Bill met with 20 middle schoolers. They walked the downtown portion of the trail. This was well received.

New Business:

- 2021-2022 meeting schedule revision: Now 3rd Thursday of the month
- New initiatives (goals) for 2022
 - o Ongoing trail maintenance
 - o Maintain the pocket park
 - o Maintain the kayak launch at Boombridge Road
 - o Ongoing monitoring of CE and OS as required
 - o Develop a bike trail
 - o Work toward 2023 POCD
 - o Weigh in on new construction as needed/requested
 - o Flow chart information to be shared with the new land use officer (action Bill)
 - o Public education and outreach as needed
- Reviewed of 1st 5 pages of Plan of Conservation & Recreation section of the 2013 POCD. Bill to talk to Nate and advise us on what we should be doing.
- Election of officers: Chair Bill Ricker, Vice Chair Bob Degoursey, Secretary Steve Colgan

Correspondence: Letter received asking us to rejoin the Land Conservation Council. We decided to join for anther year.

Voted: 4-0-0

Handouts: Wildlife Magazine, 2022 meeting schedule

Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by Steve Colgan, Secretary

