

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Via ZOOM communication

April 23, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Minutes

Mission: For the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural and historic resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits. (adopted September 2007)

Call to Order: 6:00

Attendance

Present: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Arnie Vlieks, Doug Farrand, Bob Degoursey, Jason Mancini

Regrets: Mike Charnetski

Citizen Comments - none

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Approval of February minutes accepted as written. March meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

Old Business:

- 2020 goals. Update accomplishments to date and add any additions. As of April 2020 three of the ten goals have been completed and two are in progress. Outstanding goals are detailed below.
 - Ongoing monitoring of CE and OS as required
 - Ongoing trail maintenance
 - Public education and outreach
 - Assess viability of clearing trails that have been blocked by fallen trees in the Pachaug Forest
 - Assess viability of clearing trails that have been blocked by fallen trees on Hewitt Farm
 - Develop canoe/kayak river access at Boombridge Road bridge upon bridges completion.
- Outstanding monitoring of #3 Anna Farm Estates and #20 Lakeview West Subdivision- Bill and Bob to cover.
- Finalized modified by-laws as reviewed - all were fine with the revision. Motion made and seconded to accept as revised. Voted: 6/0/0
- Trail Map hard copy, with 2 additional corrections, placed on town website and Wheeler Library website. One minor modification is needed and will be updated before the next printing.

New Business:

- Quarterly article submitted (delayed by publishers)
- April 4 article in David Fagin's column in The Day on our trails was shared. The CC was pleased with the positive press.
- Communicate with Stonington EDC chair, Cheseborough's office and Mike Uργο on tree removal estimates in Pawcatuck River just south of Stillman Road bridge. Bill to get estimates of tree removal and distribute.

- Discussion of a simple bridge over brook between Wintechog Hill Trail and North Stonington Citizen Land Alliance trail on the opposite side: A couple of 2x8 are needed.
- Postponing of any trail work discussed on Wintechog Hill property till after the confinement period. Believe we can do it and still keep our distance. We need to add blue circles – trails are generally in good shape. Bill will propose a date for any of us available to go out and do it.
- Completed removal of 3 large trees on Hewitt Farm's Yellow and River Trails – DeGoursey/Ricker
- Update on Boombridge Road Bridge construction – work is continuing. We are not authorized to work there until the bridge is completed.

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Voted; 6-0-0

Submitted by Steve Colgan, CC Secretary.