

## NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting **via ZOOM**

November 19, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

### Minutes

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Meeting convened via ZOOM – 6:02 p.m.

Present: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Bob Degoursey, Arnie Vlieks, Doug Farrand, Mike Charnetski,  
Jason Mancini  
Quorum present

Regrets: none

Staff: Juliet Hodge

Citizen comments: none

Approval of October minutes: accepted as written

#### Old Business:

- Calendar sales
  - \$370 returned to the town so far. Slow sales so far.
- Boombridge Road progress
  - We are still working on the right of way.
  - The State of CT has taken the adjoining MPTN land by eminent domain
  - A large culvert is now where we wanted the put-in located but we hope public works will be able to make this work. Once the slope is finished, a brochure will be generated and distributed in North Stonington, Stonington, and Westerly.
  - A \$1000 grant was received from Chelsea Groton Bank. This will be used for maps and a sign at the site.
- Quarterly article (emailed in advance & sent to all homeowners)
- Our 2022 calendar theme: “Farmers and Their Animals” will include 12 Farms with their favorite animal featured each month. We will include a blurb about each farm. Work is ongoing to secure 12 participants.
- Monitoring via Google Earth a viable option?
  - The last fly-over done by the town was done in 2018. There may be a way to request a new view and Doug will research and determine if this is feasible.
  - Juliet with support of our commission to ask town selectmen to partner with other towns to request a flyover with cost-sharing with other municipalities. Juliet also will see what other towns may want to partner with us.
  - The commission unanimously approved a motion to ask the selectmen to support a flyover every three years to facilitate our monitoring of conservation easements and open spaces. Voted: 5/0/0. Two alternates were also supportive.
- 2nd letter to 26 landowners on Land preservation options.
  - 14 letters have been sent out so far (which is all of the property owners).
  - One letter was returned from John Zacarro Jr. Bill has sent out a subsequent follow-up letter.

- Trail maps are being requested regularly.
  - Bill made another 50 copies and dropped them off at the library
- Update: Fire Fly Farm LLC modification of Atty Gen decision.
  - Fire Fly Farm is now up for sale.
  - Bill sent a letter to Dugan concerning annual monitoring changes but has not heard back.
- Dues/membership confusion (CACIWC, CT Forest & Park, WPWA)
  - We need to decide who we want to donate to and include the membership dues in the town budget. Joining each group costs about \$100 each year. We need to provide justification in case we are challenged when the budget is scrutinized. All 3 are appropriate as they provide a service to us and to the town.

New Business:

- December ZOOM meeting on Kayak Trail – Bill coordinating and seek get feedback.
  - We need to develop a brochure and trailhead sign for the put in. Bill will send out what he had done before.
- Election of officers. A motion to continue with the current slate of officers (Ricker: chair, Charnetski: vice chair, Colgan: secretary) was unanimously approved.
- No December meeting.

Handouts: Wildlife magazine: Arnie, to give to Bob.

Adjournment: 6:45

Steve Colgan, CC Secretary