

NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting via ZOOM
February 25 @ 6:00 pm

Minutes

Meeting to convene via ZOOM : 6:03 p.m.

Attendance: Bill Ricker, Steve Colgan, Bob DeGoursey, Doug Farrand, Arnie Vlieks, Jason Mancini

Regrets: Mike Charnetski

Staff: _ Juliet Hodge, Jim Russell

Citizen comments: none

Approval of January Meeting and & February Workshop minutes: Approved as written

Old Business:

- Calendar sales – Bill
 - \$670 returned to the town. 2 commissioners need to return \$60 (Jason) and \$30 (Mike) to close this out.
- Progress on Boombridge Road river trail access - Bill
 - Keith Grove representing the Mashantucket Tribe met with Mike Uργο and Bill Ricker at the Boombridge Road bridge. 40 Yards further downstream from the original proposed kayak put in/take out area, another potential put in/take out was noted. Keith will provide a map of the area in a couple of weeks. If approved by the Tribe, this would be a great solution. The Town would need to approve a release of liability to use this area.
- Our 2022 calendar theme: “Farmers and Their Animals.”
 - We have 17 farms that will be contacted in the near future.
- Trail maps: reprinted maps now are faded. Future duplicates will be made from the original.
- Update: Fire Fly Farm LLC modification of Atty Gen decision
 - Van Brown is now back in town. Principals agreed to discuss and notify us. Ultimately, this needs to be approved by the CT Attorney General via a “friendly law suit”.
- Historic Trail progress – Steve
 - An advanced draft of the North Stonington Historic Walking Trail Map was reviewed. Several modifications were suggested.
 - Before the map is finalized, we will show what is proposed to the town attorney, Amy Kennedy and perhaps others.

New Business:

- Town email address use tutorial: Jim Russell
 - By using a town email address, personal emails will not be vulnerable to FOI requests.
 - It is recommended that all CC business be conducted using our town email addresses.
- McIntosh property acquisition by U.S. Wildlife: Great Thicket – Bob Fleury - deferred
 - See the write up in the January 2021 Wildlife magazine
- Request for restoration of Land Acquisition Fund – Bill
 - Several tweaks were suggested.
 - Motion made and 2nd to support asking for \$20,000 to be restored to the budget

VOTED: 6-0-0

Handouts: Wildlife magazine:

Adjournment: Motion made & 2nd to adjourn @ 7:10 p.m.

VOTED: 6-0-0