NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting via ZOOM March 25, 2021@ 6:00 pm

Minutes

Meeting to convened via ZOOM: 6:04 p.m.

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

Regrets: Mike Charnetski, Jason Mancini

Staff: Juliet Hodge

Citizen comments: None

Approval February minutes: Approved as written

Old Business:

Calendar sales – Bill

- Still need 1 commissioner to return \$60 to close out. In-progress.
- Progress on Boombridge Road river trail access Bill
 - Keith Gove (Mashantucket Executive Director of Public Works and Property Management) met with Bill and Mike Urgo. There is a dirt path which would be ideal for a kayak put-in. A fence needs to be moved by the DEP and some brush needs to be moved. Stay tuned. Once this is approved by the Mashantuckets, this needs to be approved by the Selectmen and the town attorney. We can then clear the brush and open it to the public.
- Our 2022 calendar theme: "Farmers and Their Animals."
 - o 14 letters were sent out to local farmers. Five positive responses were received to date and we are waiting for more. This needs to be wrapped up by August and sent to the printer.
- Trail maps: reprint faded duplicates done.
- Update: Fire Fly Farm LLC modification of Atty. Gen. decision.
 - The bi-yearly monitoring was completed by Bill.
 - Three principals from Firefly farms are in agreement with our proposal.
 - A letter now needs to go to the Board of Selectmen and then onto the State Attorney General. Bill will draft a letter.
- Historic Trail progress Steve
 - Several tweaks were suggested.
 - A walk-through will be done this Sunday. Bill to issue a special meeting agenda.
- Problems with town email address use?
 - Arnie needs to have Jim make a small fix. All others present at the meeting were fine. Jason is not yet set-up.
- Results of our Land Acquisition Fund request.
 - We requested \$20K to be put in the budget. It was reduced to \$1K at the Board of Finance Meeting.

New Business:

- Quarterly summary
 - This was reviewed and approved.

Correspondence: Letter from Chris Fox, Executive Director of the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association thanking us for our support.

<u>Handouts</u>: Wildlife magazine: Bill will hold onto these for now.

Adjournment: 6:56 p.m.