

**North Stonington Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting May 27, 2021 @ 6:00pm**  
**Via ZOOM Technology**

**Minutes**

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Meeting called to order by chair @ 6:01 pm

Attendance: Ricker, Degoursey, Vlieks, Charnetski, Farrand

Regrets: Mancini, Colgan

Staff: Juliet Hodge

Citizen comments: none

Minutes of April 2021 meeting: accepted as written

Announcement: Noted public meeting on 8 June at 6:30pm about the solar project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on MPTN liability release for the kayak launch site: Tribal lawyer has not responded with comment as of this date. Once received, to go to Town Attorney for review.

Update on Firefly Farm Monitoring Change: N.S. Selectman had just recently forwarded this item to the Town attorney. All parties involved have approved the proposed changes. The Commission will stand by.

Historic Trail Brochure: Brochure completed and 50 copies have been delivered to the Wheeler Library, Town Hall and Chelsea-Groton Bank. The response has been overwhelmingly positive with the exception of negative comments from a single citizen.

Calendar Response from Farmers: Seven farmers have responded positively. All but one expect the Chairman to take photographs. The Chairman will pursue responses from more farmers. The Commission discussed the possibility of approaching vineyards as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOTE: Juliet Hodge announced that she will be leaving her position in North Stonington to take a new job in Ledyard.

Pocket Park:

- Note: Gary and Karen Stanley sent a letter to the Commission commending us on our efforts at the Pocket Park. This is the first such letter ever received by the Commission. Their thoughts were much appreciated.
- The Chairman noted the need to replace a tree damaged by a recent vehicular accident. M. Charneski offered to remove the damaged tree so that we can plant another.
- Mowing schedule: May: Ricker; June: Vlieks; July: Degoursey; Aug: TBD

Kayak Trail Brochure Analysis: Commission is waiting for the MPTN to issue a liability form. The brochure is complete and ready to print.

NOTE: AT THIS POINT THE MEETING WAS ONCE AGAIN HACKED BY AN OBSCENE POST WHICH LASTED SEVERAL SECONDS. J. HODGE REPORTED THE EVENT.

Signage for Trail: Chairman will investigate purchasing cheaper, more durable aluminum signs.

Budget Reduction: The original budget is sustained, no reduction.

Additional Comments: J. Hodge requested a year end report by the Commission for the last fiscal year, July 1, 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Commission can meet in person starting in June. Location TBD (likely Media Center in old High School)

Meeting adjourned circa. 6:45pm.

Voted: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,  
~Bob Degoursey, acting Secretary