

Three Rivers Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Monday, April 1st, 2024

Rec House

Present: David Taylor, Barbara Perkinson, Mike Lodice, Jeff Sherman, Kyle Turoczi, Will Agresta (arrived 10:20), Jami Gore and Mike Logue

Absent: Carol Haskins, Carl Samuelson and Mary Tyrrell

Call to Order: Chair, David Taylor, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Ms. Perkinson explained that there were currently two proposals for the property at Three Rivers. One provided by the current lessee, Mike Logue, to continue farming the land but switching from the current crop of corn to hay. The second proposal, presented by Earthtones, was to transition the property into a wildflower meadow for seed cultivation. Both proposals were interested in working with Connecticut NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) for support and funding regarding the riverbank restoration. The riverbank restoration would include repairing the current eroded area, as well as creating a long-term management plan that would include expanding the river buffer to approximately 100 feet. The NRCS would work directly with the lessee on the agreement, not with the owner, as the Town of Woodbury is a municipality and therefore not qualified to apply.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Current soil integrity and planting options moving forward. Mr. Logue provided soil test results from the past five years.
- Clarification of the current lease held by Mr. Logue.
- Discussion of the bank repair and distance required for the buffer.
- Discussion of possible compromises by both Mr. Logue and Earthtones for possible partnership opportunities.

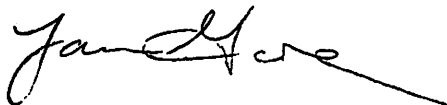
The Committee clarified that the walking path through the park would still exist within the buffer area for walking/passive recreation as well as accommodate the annual Lions Club Hayride event.

The Committee agreed the two NRCS contacts needed to be invited to a site walk and then the Committee would meet again to discuss options as soon as possible. The NRCS needed to confirm both if they would approve our proposed plan to repair the current eroded area, as well as their willingness to partner on a long-term project.

The Committee agreed Mr. Logue could move forward with his 2024 plans to seed for hay production. He would contact the NRCS regarding the partnership for a potential new agreement for 2025. Mr. Logue understood that pursuing the NRCS opportunities would require a river buffer potentially up to 150 feet.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:14 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Jami Gore

Temporary Clerk

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