

TOWN OF WOODBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

8:00 am, Shove Building Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Taylor
L. Peters
J. Sherman
L. Pittari
D. Schultz- 8:30am

MEMBERS ABSENT:

A. Musso
L. Arno

Determination of Quorum:

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:03am. A quorum was established.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes:

L. Peters made a motion to approve, J. Sherman seconded. The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

D. Taylor told the commission about a conservation training partnership which will partner an adult with a high school student to teach GPS and tracking. The workshops will begin in June. On the 28th of June, there will be a naming ceremony for a roadway in Woodbury. D. Taylor told the commission there will be a planning meeting on June 5, which will provide an update on the POCD from the consultants. The chairman spoke with Barbara Perkinson about conservation commission emails through the town website. She told the chairman this would not be possible with the current system. However, the system is under revision and should be coming in the fall. Email addresses can be revisited at that time. Also noted was the Northwestern conservation district offering a presentation on recycling regulations. The presentation will be held in Bantam.

New Business:

Southbury Conservation Commission- Mary Luf:

Mary Luf was not present at the meeting. However, D. Taylor said he walked part of the trail. There is a section directly on the shoreline which he said could cause issues. He thought the trail seemed poorly conceived and wants to ask Mary at the next meeting if the trail has been approved.

Earth Day Debrief:

D. Taylor asked the commission to brainstorm ideas on changes to Earth Day next year. The commission thought the map with grids added details and made it more user friendly. D. Taylor said he was going to get a soft copy from L. Arno to make a few edits to the table for the map. L. Pittari is going to see if she can make the map live and self-

populate. L. Peters told the commission they still need to come up with activities geared toward the kids. An educational lift-the-flap game oriented toward Woodbury was mentioned. D. Taylor thought the Earth Day conversation should be added to the monthly list of agenda items so the commission can come up with ideas throughout the year. The commission thought this was a great idea. L. Pittari said *New Morning* will not be accepting plastic bags for recycling beginning May 31. She also mentioned she heard of a young girl who is trying to ban plastic bags in Woodbury as part of her school project. J. Sherman said the walk during Earth Day was double booked and multiple groups ended up walking together. While the walk was successful, he thought this could be better organized next year. D. Taylor said Earth Day was somewhat wet and Parks & Rec has mentioned moving Earth Day to Three Rivers Park as they said there was damage done to the playing fields. The commission said they didn't notice damage and they're not sure of another location that would be suitable. A conversation was held about the various properties within Woodbury and what kind of activities they should be used for. The commission mentioned a preserve means it should be left exactly as is, whereas a park is meant for activities. D. Shultz and D. Taylor will be meeting later to discuss properties and their appropriate activities.

CT Trails Day:

CT Trails Day will be held June 1st at Three Rivers Park. There will also be a walk hosted by the conservation commission and Flanders at Orenaug Park beginning at 10am. The group will leave from the senior center parking lot.

Woodbury Mines Project- Jeff Sherman:

J. Sherman said they are still working on getting liability insurance. He has been emailing with Brian Jones, a state archaeologist out of UCONN. Brian Jones said he can be there for two days in July. J. Sherman said there is another group- "Friends of State Archaeology"- that Brian Jones works with, that he has been trying to get in touch with. J. Sherman said liability insurance is not as much of an issue for this group as they will not be going underground- only working along the river.

Forming sub-committees:

D. Taylor had a conversation with Barbara Perkinson about forming sub-committees. Barbara Perkinson said this request would have to go through the regular formalities. However, the commission can form task forces with volunteers. The commission will figure out specifics on a task to get people involved.

Recycle Program/Plastic Bags Campaign:

Barbara Perkinson- present during this part of the meeting- said the recycling program/plastic bag ban has been mentioned to her. She said this should start as a discussion with local businesses on how the ban will impact them. L. Pittari is going to set up an appointment to talk with Barbara Perkinson about what *New Morning* has been doing to begin this process.

Regional Trails Map:

D. Taylor mentioned they are trying to get Woodbury on the list for the Regional trails map. He said Woodbury is not included in the NW COG. D. Taylor suggested looking at the NW COG website to see what they have done.

Ongoing Business (If time)

Newsletter: No Discussion

Open Space:

Sherwood Forest- No Discussion

Nonnewaug Falls- No Discussion

Trolley Bed Preserve- No Discussion

Castle Rock- No Discussion

Oreanaug Park- No Discussion

Three Rivers Park:

D. Taylor mentioned that David Bjerklie will be doing a walk at Three Rivers Park. D. Taylor has asked the selectmen to attend as Trout Unlimited wants to come in and plant trees. He would like something outlined to present to the board in the fall.

Hollow Park- No Discussion

Minortown Rd:

J. Sherman said he was recently at Minortown road and noted it had been mowed after a request was put in to Parks & Rec.

Frank & Evelyn Strong River Meadow Preserve- No Discussion

Member Time:

L. Pittari asked if anyone had heard about a large parcel of farmland across from Flanders. D. Taylor said he would look around and see what information he could find. J. Sherman told the commission he made a presentation to Terry Hale's environmental science class. He said it went well and there were a lot of good questions asked. D. Schultz suggested offering the presentation to everyone during the winter months when there isn't a lot going on. J. Sherman said he's not ready to commit to something like that yet.

Privilege of the floor

Kathy Doyle asked about the NW COG map. She wanted to know if the maps get fed up to the state level or the DEEP site. D. Taylor didn't know for sure but said Karen Reddington Hughes may have more information on this.

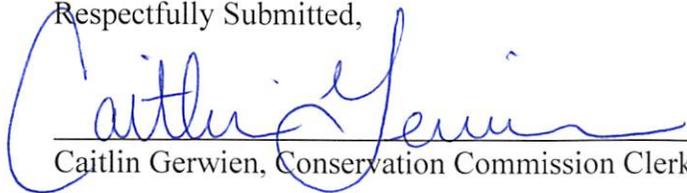
Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next Meeting will be held on June 27.

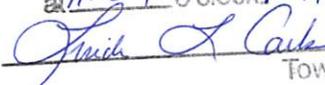
Adjournment

D. Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, L. Peters seconded. The commission unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:39am.

Respectfully Submitted,


Caitlin Gerwien, Conservation Commission Clerk

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This 30 day of May 2019
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Town Clerk