

WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

February 17, 2021 (Remote Meeting via Zoom)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:06 PM.

Roll Call/Seating of Alternates: P. Andersen, K. Demers, C. Jordan, M. Schreiber, R. Shabot.

Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2021: On a motion by KD/RS the minutes of 1/20/21 were approved with the following 2 amendments. Unanimous vote.

1: Under Old Business/A. Mason Road OS Acquisition: "At the CC's request on 12/18/20, the BOF approved a transfer of \$5,000 from the Selectmen's budget to the CC's budget to be used to cover the costs of the appraisal and review for the parcel on Mason Road. The CC has engaged Silverstein Appraisal Services (\$2,800) and TWHenry (\$950) to complete the work."

2: Under Approval of Minutes: "The CIP request has been submitted. CJ will now prepare the CC's budget request for fiscal year 2021/2022"

Present to Speak: NA

Finance: Silverstein Appraisal Services and TWHenry have completed their work of the appraisal and review for the parcel on Mason Road. Payments were made on 2/16/2021.

Old Business/Status Reports:

A. Mason Road Open Space Acquisition Update:

- The CT DEEP Open Space Grant Program application process for 2021 has not been announced at this writing.
- Silverstein Appraisal Services and TW Henry have completed their work of the appraisal and review for the parcel on Mason Road.
- The Commission reviewed documents from previously acquired Open Space grants.

B. Fenton-Ruby Mgmt. Plan update. Tabled

C. Knowlton Talmadge Mgmt. Plan. Tabled

D. Easement Property monitoring: Tabled

E. Properties Management

1. Fenton Ruby/ Drobney Sanctuary: Tabled

2. Knowlton Preserve/ Talmadge Tract: PA notified DPW that the parking area for hikers was not plowed in the last storm.

3. Trail Maps: There was a review of the updated trail maps provided by J. Kulig. On a motion by RS/KD: **“The WCC will expend up to \$100.00 at “Anything Printed” to print trail maps with QR codes.”** Unanimous vote.

F. Town Development: Tabled

G. Collaborative Organizations: Tabled

H. Future WCC park and trail maintenance responsibility: The membership would like to continue the conversation concerning the maintenance of FRP-DS and other Open Space properties with town government. The current members are no longer able or desire to perform the duties of trail maintenance

I. Daley Award: Tabled.

J. Other: Tabled

New Business

A. Correspondence: NA

B. Other: The Commission needs to recruit new members to insure continuity and produce new ideas for the future. A spring recruitment drive at the picnic area at FRP in the spring was discussed as a novel way to engage the public on this topic. PA suggested that we also communicate with “The Friends of FRP” to recruit new members for the Commission.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2021

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:43 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary