

WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

2/21/2018 Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm.

Roll Call: P. Andersen, K. Demers, R. Shabot. M. Drobney. No alternates were seated.

Approval of Minutes of 1/17/18: Minutes were approved as written on a motion by KD/RS; 3 ayes, MD abstained.

Present to Speak: Gwen Haaland from the Ashford Conservation Commission was present and asked if the WCC had suggestions on how to handle the issue of people parking at the Langhammer Trail parking lot at night and concerns by neighbors.

Finance: The 2018-2019 proposed budget was discussed. A total budget request of \$1,500 was unanimously approved on a motion by RS/MD.

Old Business/Status Reports

A. PoCD: The Plan of Conservation and Development for 2018-2028 was approved on 1/16/18 by PZC and is effective February 3rd, 2018. Planimetrics has sent all the PoCD maps to CCROG for the Town's use.

B. Land Protection Workshop 1/24/18: "Protecting Family Farms and Forests", cosponsored by Ashford CC and WCC was well attended by regional landowners.

C. Open space land considerations: 1. Red Oak Hill - tabled 2. Clint Eldredge Rd. - tabled. 3) Coles-Rte 44 - JT site walk rescheduled to 2/28/18 at 1:15 pm.

D. Open Space Priorities: Compared MassConn's 2016 Woodland Conservation Priority Parcels and Willington's 2007 Conservation Priority Areas (CPA) map. Discussed updating Willington's CPA map in concert with other organizational efforts.

E. Properties Management

1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary: Bridge on Taylor Trail needs work.

2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract: Trail map revision pending. Discussed issues of people parking in trail head lot after dark and leaving garbage. WCC will post sign stating: "Trail Parking. Lot closes at dusk." Another sign to be made and posted to clarify intersection of Talmadge Spur and Nipmuck Trails.

3. Easement/property monitoring: Site visit form. Tabled

F. Town Development: KD reported DEEP will be scheduling a Public Hearing in Willington in late April related to Love's Travel Stop' application for a Wastewater Treatment System permit. WCC plans to attend hearing and provide comments related to concerns about potential impact to Roaring Brook and wetlands.

G. Collaborative Organizations: CLCC conference on 3/17/18. On a motion by RS/MD, the WCC unanimously approved expending up to \$255 to reimburse 3 members who may attend.

H. Daley Award: Master Plaque design was finalized.

I. Other: none

New Business

A. Communications: 1) Joe Phillipi and his son sent report after cleaning duck boxes at FRP. WCC thanked them for their assistance. 2) Nolan Pierce from Willington Hill FD sent email stating their cold weather emergency response training at FRP went well.

B. Other: none

Next Meeting: 3/21/18

Adjournment Meeting adjourned @ 9:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Demers, Secretary, pro tem