

WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

7/18/2018 Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 pm.

Roll Call: J. Cartabiano, K. Demers C. Jordan, M. Schreiber, R. Shabot
On a motion by CJ/RS, J. Kulig was seated for P. Andersen. Unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes of 6/20/18 and 6/25/18: Minutes of 6/20/18 were approved with the following amendment: Under **III. Approval of Minutes** the date of the minutes is amended to read **5/15/18**; Minutes of 6/25/2018 were approved with the following amendment: In the title line it should read Special Meeting **Minutes**. 5 ayes and 1 abstain: KD.

Present to Speak: M. Masinda and S. Cobb of the Willington Cemetery Association were present to discuss the CT Green Burial Association quest to find suitable land to establish the first Green Burial Grounds in CT.

Finance: The final balance for FY17/18 was \$555.21 with expenditures of \$944.79. On a motion by CJ/RS: **WCC will join the Connecticut Land Conservation Council at the Supporting Member level of \$100.00.** Unanimous vote.

Old Business/Status Reports

A. Love's Travel Stop: KD gave an update on DEEP's post hearing filing date for the evidentiary hearing concerning the Wastewater Treatment System at Love's Travel Stop. The filing date has been further extended to 7/27/18. The Hearing Officer will then make a recommendation to DEEP and Love's Travel Stop on their Wastewater Treatment System.

B. Open space land considerations: 1) CT Green Burial Grounds: See **Present to Speak**.

C. Properties Management

1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary:

- JK planted 2 "Dunstan" chestnut trees in FRP-DS. One is planted in near the picnic table by the parking area and the other tree is planted in MU-8 where the tree harvest occurred. The trees were then mulched and wrapped in protective fencing by KD&CD.
- Eric Hansen the forester in charge of the Tree Harvest in MU8 took a tour through the harvest area and reported that the remaining trees look very good but the regeneration of oak trees is minimal. The roads are in pretty good shape, the stream crossing also looks good. Eric recommends to remove some sediment from the uphill sides of the water bars so that they can continue to function by slowing down water and trapping sediment

2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract: The new signs for the parking lot and Talmadge Spur/Nipmuck Trail intersection are ready to be installed.

D. Easement/property monitoring: Tabled.

E. Town Development: Tabled.

F. Zoning Agent Retirement: S. Jorgensen is retiring from her position as Willington's Zoning Agent with 30 years of service. There will be a function at the Hilltop Restaurant on July 25 to honor Susan. The Conservation Commission wishes her the best in her retirement and a sincere thank you to her years of serving Willington.

G. Collaborative Organizations: Tabled

H. Q3 E Newsletter: The Willington e-newsletter received a submission for the next issue.

I. CT Land Conservation Council Membership: See Finance

J. Other: Tabled.

New Business

A. Communications: KD encouraged members to apply for one of the 30 slots available in the annual September COVERTS project seminar hosted by the UConn Extension Cooperative Extension Services. Woodland owners and those who care for wooded properties are invited. Also encouraged to apply are people who want to get to know and to work with natural resource professionals from around the state; people who would like their own woodland to be healthy and productive; people who care about Connecticut's forests and the wildlife that live in them. For more information Phone toll-free 1-888-30WOODS or e-mail: thomas.worthley@uconn.edu

B. Other: Tabled

Next Meeting: 8/15/2018

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary