

WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

4/18/2018 Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:08 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes of 3/21/18: Minutes were approved as written on a motion by KD/CJ. Unanimous vote.

Present to Speak: NA

Finance: On a motion by KD/BS, “**WCC approves reimbursing C. Jordan \$10 for the cost of laminating the Open Space Map.**” Unanimous vote. On a motion by CJ/BS, “**WCC approves the expenditure of up to \$200 at Anything Printed for printing costs related to educational materials about septic system care and well water issues to be distributed to residents.**” Unanimous vote.

Old Business/Status Reports

A. Open space land considerations: 1. Red Oak Hill – Tabled. 2) Coles-Rte 44 – The owner has informally stated that she would like to get \$300,000 for the property. It was noted that the owner’s quoted price is significantly higher than the current Town appraisal of the property. She has not gotten an independent appraisal yet, as suggested by Joshua’s Trust before they could consider acting on the parcel. JK suggested that the CC provide the owner with information about the Windham Land Trust also.

B. Properties Management

1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary: BS, PA and resident Bob Bloom have cleared several trails of fallen trees and limbs due to recent storm events.

2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract: 1. PA revised the trail map to reflect the changes to the Nipmuck Trail and add the new parking lot on Mason Road. 2. PA stained the new signs for the parking lot and Talmadge Spur/Nipmuck Trail intersection. They will be installed after CJ paints the lettering.

C. Spring Walk, Talks and Programs. WCC will co-sponsor the “Willington Farm Tour” this spring to help educate the community about agricultural resources. WCC will also consider having an educational walk at Fenton-Ruby Park on the same day. Date to be announced.

D. Easement/property monitoring: Site visit form. WCC plan to monitor a Town-owned property on Luchon Road soon. Date TBD. Abutters will be notified prior to monitoring visit.

E. Town Development: Love’s Travel Stop’ application for a Wastewater Treatment System permit.” DEEP will hold a public hearing on this application on April 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Willington Public Library, 7 Ruby Road in Willington. The hearing room will be open at 5:30 pm for members of the public to view exhibits that will be on display and talk to representatives of the applicant and DEEP staff. The public hearing will consist of informational presentations by the parties and the collection of public comment on the record. Written comments will be accepted at the public hearing and until the close of business on May 4, 2018. A site visit will be held on April 23, 2018 at 10:00 am. The site walk will begin at about 0.2 miles from 3 Polster Road on the left side. The public is welcome to attend but is advised that parking and access to the site is limited. The site visit is a public meeting, but not for the collection of public comment on the record”. For additional information <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2586&Q=601134>.

Discussion was held about Love’s proposed wastewater treatment system and potential environmental impacts to water resources on the site. WCC will attend the public hearing and provide comments related to concerns about potential impact to Roaring Brook and wetlands. On a motion by CD/BS, “**WCC authorizes PA and KD to provide written and oral comments on behalf of the WCC at the Public Hearing**”. Unanimous vote.

F. Collaborative Organizations: Windham County Conservation Council will host speaker Eric Hammerling, from CT Forests and Parks Association on 4/30/18 at 7 pm, Brooklyn Extension Service Office. Open to the public.

G. Other: WCC wishes to thank Chad Wilde and his friends for holding a “Clean Roaring Brook” event at the Village Hill Road parking area and along the brook where the Town holds a conservation easement. Trash was removed and graffiti under the bridge was covered with paint.

New Business

A. Communications: None.

B. Other: None.

Next Meeting: 5/16/18

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Demers, Recording Secretary, pro tem