

## WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

11/20/2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 PM.

**Roll Call:** P. Andersen, K. Demers, M. Schreiber, R. Shabot.

**Approval of Minutes 9/18/19:** On a motion by KD/RS the minutes were approved: 4 ayes.

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** PA will submit a bill of \$217.90 for lumber purchased for the 11-7-19 FRP Workday.

### Old Business / Status Reports

- A. Easement /Property Monitoring:** On a motion by KD/ RS “WCC authorizes Forester J.Kulig to perform property boundary monitoring on town owned Open Space parcels located on Daleville School and Pinecrest Roads”. Unanimous vote. On a motion by KD/RS “WCC authorizes the expenditure of up to \$50.00 for Reflective Safety vests (2) for use during easement monitoring property events.” Unanimous vote.
- B. Cadlerock brownfields assessment.** A public hearing will be held 12/9/2019, 6:30pm in Ashford, CT at the Lower Level Meeting room in the Municipal Office Building to report on the the environmental study of the Cadlerock property brownfields. Copy enclosed
- C. Properties Management**
  - 1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary:**
    - **Work Day review (11/07/19):** Members replaced planking on Julia’s Trail bridges, pruned apple tree in picnic area, replaced parking barricade poles in parking area, water bar cleanout in MU-8 timber harvest area and small tree removal.
    - **Park Management Plan Review: Group Use.** Members will review current park regulations and reevaluate them at the next meeting.
  - 2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract:** PA visited the Mason Road section of the Knowlton Preserve trail for signs of ATV trespass and general conditions.
- D. Town Development:** Love’s Travel Stop’s re-application PZC public hearing was held on 11/19/19. P. Andersen and K. Demers presented a letter to PZC voicing WCC’s concerns that this development has the potential to negatively impact and permanently degrade some of the Town’s important natural resources which lie on or are adjacent to the 40-acre development site. The next public hearing is scheduled for 12/10/2019.
- E. Collaborative Organization News & Communication:** None.
- F Open space land considerations:** In 2015 the Town purchased a 22 acre property on Hancock Road to build a new salt shed. WCC would like to revisit the concept of converting the remainder of the property that is not within the salt shed footprint into an Open Space parcel.
- G. Procedures and use of memorial gifts:** Tabled
- H. Other:** None

## **New Business**

- A. 2020: Officers; meeting schedule:** P. Andersen and J. Cartabiano have been reappointed to WCC. The WCC officers for 2020 will be the following Peter Andersen: Chairperson, Kathy Demers: Vice-Chairperson, Carol Jordan: Treasurer, Marilyn Schreiber: Recording Secretary. The meeting schedule will remain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- B. Annual Report:** PA submitted the Annual Report to the Town.
- C. Communications:** KD read the Roaring Brook and Wetland H water temperature report for 2019 for Love's Travel Stop provided by Brian Murphy of CT DEEP. Water temperatures are significantly lower than within the mainstream Roaring Brook.
- D. Other:** None.

**Next Meeting:** December 18, 2019.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary