

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
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Branford Town Hall
Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES -REVISED

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Held by remote technology as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I

Present: Chairman Dan Fitzgerald, Carol Kaminsky, Patrick Sweeney, Adrian Bonenberger, Karyl Lee Hall, Christie Day, Karen Hannon
Absent: Lana Bluege

Chairman Fitzgerald mentioned that the clerk fee is an item in the budget and he would like to retain the clerk. He will explain the need for a recording clerk when the time arises.

Karyl Lee Hall noted there was a period in the past where the board did not have a clerk and they felt that the board definitely needs one.

The Commission briefly discussed possibly removing some items from the agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes:

A. Sept. 2, 2020 meeting minutes

Chairman Fitzgerald noted that the clerk was absent for this meeting and he took notes, but they are not ready approval at this time.

2. Correspondence and Announcements

Chairman Fitzgerald noted that the CACAIW membership is due and that if we renew with the Inland Wetlands Commission there is a discounted rate. He will speak to J. Frederick in the IW dept. about this.

3. New Business:

Nothing new was discussed.

4. Budget:

A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date

Chairman Fitzgerald displayed the financial information that was received for the meeting. He noted there were funds available for projects and supplies.

The Commission discussed the need to put aside funds for the Natural Resource Inventory and seek assistance with it.

5. Continuing Business:

A. Permits for coastal projects

The Commission noted that in the past, Sam Saulys was the contact person to receive notice of ongoing permits. Since she has resigned from the Commission, DEEP will have to be notified of the new contact person.

B. Proposed developments and other building projects

Commissioner Karly Lee Hall noted that in the past, the recording secretary was the contact person and they kept the Commission up to date on current projects.

C. Invasive plant control

Commissioner Pat Sweeney said he will talk to Gary Zelinski in Public Works about

assistance with this.

D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023)

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

E. Branford Festival

This item is tabled due to Covid.

F. Animal Ordinance

Commissioner Karen Hannon said she has been involved with this and will continue to be. She will keep the Commission up to date.

G. Pollinator Pathway

Commissioner Christie Day noted she was looking forward to the Pollinator Pathway project and is looking to get up to speed.

The Commission talked of putting more information on this project on the website.

H. Atlantic Wire Site

The Commission decided to remove this item from future agendas.

I. Earth Day

The Commission decided to table this item to a future date.

6. Reports:

A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition

The Commission decided they should delegate a member to take on this item. They would choose someone at a future meeting.

B. Library books donations

Commissioner Carol Kaminsky said she will contact the librarians at the schools soon. More information will follow.

C. Spill reports

Nothing to report.

D. Contaminated sites

Nothing to report.

E. Coastal Resiliency Plan

Commissioner Karyl Lee Hall said it was important to have a Commissioner take this item on. It will be enormously important to the community. She noted the Town of Guilford is heavily involved and she spoke of a bridge project there.

Chairman Fitzgerald said he will take this item on.

F. Website

Commissioner Karen Hannon said she is working on this and more information will follow.

7. Other:

Nothing else was discussed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: M. Martin (Clerk)