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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2017
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Bob Davis, Eleanor Saulys, Jonathan Katz, Carol Kamuinsky, Karyl Lee Hall, and Mike McGuinness

Absent: Dan FitzGerald and Jim Yakimoff

Approval of Minutes: Comm. Davis motioned to approve the December 7th, 2016 minutes as amended (should be “nothing” rather than “noting” under website report). Comm. Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

Correspondence and Announcements: Land Conservation Council – membership paperwork received, no action taken

Budget: fiscal year 2017 - year to date: Nothing has been spent yet; not sure if Jen has been paid for the website yet.

New Business:

Comm. Hall mentioned that the scenic roads committee was placed under province of the CEC. Recently there has been a proposal to raise 146 in Guilford where everyone crabs because of the flooding risk. The Scenic Roads Committee addresses issues along the whole scenic road. Comm. Hall, with the Commission’s permission, would like to contact the Guilford co-chair and see if the Committee wants to convene. Commission agreed.

Old Business:

Comm. Kaminsky mentioned that another Town location for native meadow plantings could be the Old Pine Orchard Rd Foote Riverside property on the west side of the river. She will contact Shirley McCarthy to let her know.

Continuing Business:

Permits for coastal projects – nothing

Open Space Properties: Identification and Oversight – Signs are located in the Inland Wetland and Natural Resource office

Proposed developments and other building projects – Atlantic Wire is still under appeal and there has been no news on Costco

Invasive plant control – nothing

ICLEI-Greenhouse gases inventory – nothing

Jarvis Creek Project – Final report has been received. Comm. Katz informed the Commission that the Branford Land Trust has made a public statement. It is not just sea level rise but also lack of rain that affects salinity and water levels.

Reports:

Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition – no meeting

Library books donations – Comm. Kaminsky has received recommendations from 3 schools, still waiting to hear from the High School and Sliney School.

Spill reports – no spill reports received

Contaminated sites – nothing

Coastal Resiliency Plan – nothing

Website – nothing

Branford Festival – nothing

Other:

Commission will start discussing the Branford Festival at the February meeting

Adjournment: Comm. Kaminsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, Comm. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted

Jaymie Frederick, Board Clerk