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

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Carol Kaminsky, Eleanor Saulys, Mike McGuinness and Bob Davis; also present Clerk - Jaymie Frederick

Absent: Karyl Lee Hall, Dan FitzGerald, Jonathan Katz and James Yakimoff

Chairman Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

Approval of Minutes: Comm. Saulys motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Comm. Davis seconded. Motion passed Unanimously. Correction to be made, change Hall to Hannon

Review 2017 Annual Report: Chairman Hannon will submit the report

Correspondence and Announcements: Habitat Newsletter

Budget: So far this fiscal year the Commission has renewed CACIWC membership. Comm. Saulys has registered for CACIWC and will forward to Chairman Hannon for approval for reimbursement.

Continuing Business:

- A. **Permits for coastal projects:** One was approved for mussels or kelp out at the Thimbles.
- B. **Proposed developments and other building projects:** Reviewed plans for Indian Neck, 250 North Main Phase II and Parkside redevelopment revised plans.
- C. **Invasive plant control:** Nothing new
- D. **Natural Resource Inventory:** Chairman Hannon will ask Rich if he has any recommendations for who could do the update.
- E. **Branford Festival:** Commission briefly discussed doing bees and invasive plants again. Reiterated that they need to make sure that the balloon letter goes out again.

Reports:

- A. **Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition:** No meeting
- B. **Library books donations:** Comm. Kaminsky has contacted all of the schools requesting lists of books
- C. **Spill reports:** Comm. McGuinness reported that there were no spill reports
- D. **Contaminated sites:** Comm. McGuinness reported that he looked at the DEEP website; there is a list and there seems to be no resolutions. Mentioned the list includes potentially contaminated sites.
- E. **Coastal Resiliency Plan:** Nothing new to report

F. **Website:** Chairman Hannon stated that she has met with Jen and they are getting content onto the website. The website will model the current website with the addition of an option to blog. The site can be managed by the Commission. Will have more to report next month. By the end of October the website should be available for the Commission to review.

Other:

A. Comm. Kaminsky met with Shirley McCarthy about the pollinator meadows. Has a suggestion for cleaning out autumn olive and tree of heaven along edge of river at the Foote Park site. There is milkweed and goldenrod present already. McCarthy gave her seeds: Jill-pie weed, milkweed, and agassiz seed. Comm. Saulys stated that Kaminsky should confirm that the seeds are native to the area before spreading them. Commission will look into getting a quote for removing the junk trees. Commission discussed speaking with public works. Comm. Saulys stated there is a meadow on Birch Rd that is doing well. Whatever they do at Young's pond they should do there too.

Adjournment: Comm. Saulys motioned to adjourn at 8:17, Comm. Kaminsky seconded. Motion Passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaymie Frederick, Board Clerk