

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
P.O. Box 150
Branford Town Hall
Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2018
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT

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Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Bob Davis, Michael McGuinness, Carol Kaminsky, and Dan FitzGerald

Absent: Karyl Lee Hall, Eleanor Saulys and Jim Yakimoff

Chairman Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:40pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Comm. Kaminsky motioned to approve the September 5th 2018 meeting minutes as amended, Comm. McGuinness seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Corrections to be made: 6. Reports: c.3 typo "cleas" should be "clean"
2. Correspondence and Announcements:
 - A. Commission briefly introduced themselves and the purpose of the Commission to a resident that is possibly interested in joining the Commission.
 - B. DEEP notice of tentative determination to approve application at 60 Averill Place to replace of storm water outlet.
 - C. CACIWC annual meeting is November 17th. If you register before October 12th registration is cheaper. Town will reimburse for the meeting cost.
 - D. Dedication of a stony creek granite bench in memory of Nobel Proctor will be held at 10:30 on Oct 13th at Supply Ponds.
3. New Business:
 - A. Comm. FitzGerald stated the Pine Orchard triangle (by Elizabteh St) is being made into an open space that can be enjoyed by residents and received trees purchased by the Commission. There will be a ceremony Oct 20th at 11am that the Commission is invited to.
 - B. Comm. FitzGerald stated he would like to add Clean Up Day to continuing business. Thinking next year's event will be sometime between April 20-27th. The event was very successful last year so they are starting to plan early this year. Thinking about getting a large tent next year. May have local businesses present supporting the cleanup effort. This past year plants were given to participants as a reward for helping out.
 - C. Chairman Hannon asked if anyone has heard any updates on the ban of plastic bags movement. No one has heard anything, Chairman Hannon will follow up.
4. Budget:
 - A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date: The Commission has spent money on renewed membership for CACIWC. Discussed that it looks like there were some carry forward items for the work that was done at the Montowese park.

5. Continuing Business:

- A. Permits for coastal projects – Comm. Saulys (absent) sent an email stating there were no permits received.
- B. Proposed developments and other building projects – nothing
- C. Invasive plant control – nothing
- D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023) – Chairman Hannon stated that she has the books for the current inventory. Comm. FitzGerald asked if there is someone they should speak with to reverse engineer this; it would be nice to know what they need to do from those that worked on it previously.
- E. Branford Festival – Commission discussed having a theme. Comm. FitzGerlad mentioned plastics. Commission discussed placement of booth relative to other related groups (i.e. Branford Land Trust and Community Forest Commission). Guest – Commented that it could be interesting to see if there are microfibers in local water sources. Chairman Hannon stated that there may be information that can be obtained from regional water supply. Guest stated that he may have other connections.
- F. Animal Ordinance – Chairman Hannon and Comm. FitzGerald will draft language and have Comm. Hall review it. Discussed that this ties into the water quality issue. Time to test would be in the spring. Discussed liability issues and that they have signs that can be put up.

6. Reports:

- A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition – nothing
- B. Library books donations – Comm. Kaminsky has emailed all the librarians and requested lists by the end of November.
- C. Spill reports – Comm. McGuinness reported that there are no spill reports
- D. Contaminated sites – nothing to report. Guest asked where he would find information on contaminated sites. Comm. McGuinness stated he thinks that it would be at the DEEP website.
- E. Coastal Resiliency Plan – nothing
- F. Website – Chairman Hannon will get together with Jen to make a final push to publish the website. Need photos (i.e. of flora and fauna from around Town) and to go ahead and publish it. Commission has also discussed a Facebook page. Comm. FitzGerald stated he has been looking at the setup and guidelines for management to ensure the interests of the Commission as a whole are adhered to so they can promote events and local happenings from a defined platform.

7. Other: nothing

8. Adjournment: Comm. Davis motioned to adjourn at 8:27pm, Comm. McGuinness seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaymie Frederick