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***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 2019
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT***

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Bob Davis, Eleanor Saulys, Mike McGuinness, Dan Fitzgerald

Absent: Carol Kaminsky, James Yakimoff, Karly Lee Hall, Adrian Bonenberger

1. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Hannon noted 2 typing errors that should be corrected in the December 5, 2018 minutes.
 - A. December 5th 2018 meeting minutes: Comm. Davis motioned to approve the December 2018 minutes with the corrections noted by Chairman Hannon. Comm. McGuinness seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. Correspondence and Announcements
 - A. Thank you notes were received from Walsh Middle School and Branford High School.
 - B. Notice of a Land Conservation Meeting on March 23, 2019.
3. New Business: none
4. Budget:
 - A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date: Chairman Hannon reviewed it and said she will speak to J. Finch in the Finance Dept. to get an exact amount available in the account so they can decide where funds should be applied. She will also check to verify the amount in the Board Clerk Account.
5. Continuing Business:
 - A. Permits for coastal projects:
 1. 51 Harbor St.-Installation of a 60 ft. walkway to a dock
 2. End of Coheco Avenue- Seawall Erosion
 - B. Proposed developments and other building projects: none
 - C. Invasive plant control : No action has been taken
 - D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023): No action has been taken
 - E. Branford Festival: The Commission discussed possibly setting up their tent next to the Forest Commission. Comm. Fitzgerald spoke of the notable tree program run by the State of CT. Chairman Hannon said a goal for the festival may be updating the Town Map showing open space and Notable trees.
 - F. Animal Ordinance: Comm. Fitzgerald would like to see additional wording in the ordinance. The Commission discussed it briefly and decided to table the item for a future discussion.

6. Reports:

- A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition: Comm. Saulys gave an update, noting they recently met. They meet bimonthly and the upcoming April meeting will be her last one, she is stepping down.
- B. Library books donations: Chairman Hannon reviewed the books that were given to each school.
- C. Spill reports: Comm. McGuinness gave the update.
 - 1. 103 North Main Street-The Fire Marshal reported a soap and cleaning chemical spill caused by the washing of a food truck.
 - 2. Holly Lane-There was a fuel spill which leaked into a sump pump.
 - 3. 227 East Main Street (Cumberland Farms) –A one pint gasoline overflow spill.
- D. Contaminated sites: none
- E. Coastal Resiliency Plan: nothing to report
- F. Website: Chairman Hannon said she will remove the old website. She is currently working on the formation of the new website as well. She will work with Comm. Fitzgerald on the Facebook page.

7. Other: Comm. Sualys said she will be stepping down from the Commission, as well as Comm. Davis. The June 30, 2019 will be their last meeting. So, new members will be needed.

8. Adjournment: Comm. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

Comm. Saulys seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Martin