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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2018
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Carol Kaminsky, Bob Davis, Mike McGuinness and Eleanor Saulys

Absent: Karyl Lee Hall, Dan FitzGerald and Jim Yakimoff

1. Approval of Minutes: Typos identified: uppercase and "" for "No ATV", VOS[S], uppercase Branford River Park, recommend[ing], not[h]ing. Comm. Kaminsky motioned to approve the June 6th, 2018 minutes as amended, Comm. Davis seconded, motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).
2. Correspondence and Announcements: Thank you letter for library books, Audubon membership confirmation, 30 McKinnel Court coastal application, correspondence sent to Chairman by Wayne Cooke was shared among Commissioners, CACIWC Habitat Newsletter was passed out, CME Associates DOT application for bridge improvements (1-95 bridge at exit 55) was passed around.
3. New Business: none
4. Budget: Chairman Hannon stated that a lot of last year's budget was used. They still need to plant the dogwoods; they are waiting for cooler weather. Will inquire about water bags, whether they were included in the purchase or borrowing from DPW if they were not. Signs were purchased for "No ATVs" and "Clean Up After Your Pet". Nothing has been spent yet for this fiscal year.
5. Continuing Business:
 - A. Permits for coastal projects – Comm. Saulys reported that she looked at the McKinnel Court site, doesn't see any issues with the project.
 - B. Proposed developments and other building projects – Chairman Hannon commented that work has stopped on Atlantic Wire, will see what she can find out about why. Comm. Davis identified work started back up at the 250 North Main St site
 - C. Invasive plant control – nothing
 - D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023) - nothing
 - E. Branford Festival – Chairman Hannon reported the event was very successful. Some people indicated interest, will contact them about contacting the Selectmen about their interest.
 - F. Animal Ordinance – Chairman Hannon stated she has looked at the current town ordinance, it is not clear what "control" is. She has been looking at other examples. Thinks Animal control would be willing to work with them on this. She will work on some revised wording for the next meeting. Ultimately any proposed changes will

need to be approved by the RTM.

6. Reports:
 - A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition – Comm. Saulys reported there was no meeting, a group from the Committee did walk the Coon Ridge property mentioned at the last meeting.
 - B. Library books donations – Comm. Kaminsky reported no activity yet, she will email all the librarians.
 - C. Spill reports – Comm. McGuinness reported:
 - i. May 27 – vessel ran aground, oil sheen
 - ii. June 7 – turbine component equipment failure, no liquids released, equipment repaired
 - iii. June – 450 Brushy Pain, petroleum release, spill kit used to clean, hose failure
 - iv. June – 227 East Main St, petroleum in catch basin
 - v. June 15- 147 Montowese St, diesel fuel spill ~5gallons, speedy dry was used to clean up
 - vi. June 20 – 120 Burban Dr, transformer released 1 quart of fuel
 - vii. 95 north service plaza, over flow
 - viii. August 20 – Clark & Court, transformer released <1 gallon due to container failure
 - D. Contaminated sites – nothing
 - E. Coastal Resiliency Plan – nothing
 - F. Website – Chairman Hannon reported she has a meeting set up with Jenn; they are still putting together photos. Will talk with Comm. FitzGerald about the Facebook page, would be nice to get both up at same time.
7. Other: Comm. Saulys reminded Commissioners of the CIPWG symposium in October. Comm. Kaminsky pointed out the CACIWC Habitat article about public lands.
8. Adjournment: Comm. Saulys motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, Comm. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaymie Frederick, Board Clerk