

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
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Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2017
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT

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Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Carol Kaminsky, Eleanor Saulys, Mike McGuinness, Dan FitzGerald; also present Clerk - Jaymie Frederick

Absent: Karyl Lee Hall, Bob Davis, Jonathan Katz and James Yakimoff

Also present, Joe Gordan, interested in possibly becoming a member of the commission.

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

Approval of Minutes: Comm. McGuinness motioned to approve the minutes, Comm. Kaminsky seconded. Motion passed (4-0-1), Comm. Saulys abstained.

Correspondence and Announcements

- A. **CACIWC membership & annual meeting:** Commission determined that they will renew membership, workshop descriptions and registration forms were available for review for that that are interested in attending the November 18th Annual meeting.
- B. **Connecticut Land Conservation Council:** asking for membership, commission has never been a member.

Budget:

- A. **Fiscal year 2017:** Chairman Hannon stated that there is a purchase order for Paul Blackstone to mow, restore, remove invasives and plant a new dogwood tree at the park on Montowese for \$2,000. Comm. Saulys stated that Chet Bloomquest does a lot of work in that area. Commission commented that the decking is starting to deteriorate. Discussed the tide gate that use to go under the bridge and whether public works is involved with the site's maintenance.
- B. **Fiscal year 2018 year to date:** nothing has been spent yet, the total budget is \$4,447. Reviewed accounts. Discussed books and the possibility of co-sponsoring a speaker. Chairman Hall will email Martha Rice about winter lecture series.

Continuing Business:

- A. **Permits for coastal projects:** there was one in the Summer at one of the islands, no issues with the project. Crescent Bluff was completed. Boat launch has been completed.
- B. **Proposed developments and other building projects:** Atlantic Wharf demo is under way, 250 North Main has applied for Phase II wetland permit, PDD in Indian Neck area was withdrawn, may reapply in November.
- C. **Invasive plant control:** Comm. Saulys stated that Beacon Hill is in desperate need of attention, there isn't much there that isn't invasive. Commission discussed setting a site walk and making a recommendation to the Selectman on what should be done.

Reports:

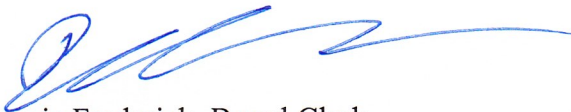
- A. **Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition:** meeting cancelled. There are two properties for sale that would be of interest but price isn't right.
- B. **Library books donations:** Comm. Kaminsky stated that all books were delivered; read thank you letter from Tisko School. She will contact the schools about this year's books.
- C. **Spill reports:**
 - i. 6/10 - 40 Brookhills Rd – tank removed
 - ii. 6/13 – 93 Bradley St – <1 gallon petroleum spill
 - iii. 7/1 – 48 Route 39 – petroleum fuel, hose failure
 - iv. 7/17 – alliance global – gasoline, 1 gallon hose failure
 - v. 7/17 – ~10 gallons
- D. **Contaminated sites:** nothing
- E. **Coastal Resiliency Plan:** Commission reviewed that there were three meetings and they don't know what came of the meetings.
- F. **Website:** Chairman Hall stated that she is moving forward with Jen on the website.

Other:

- A. Natural Resource Inventory: Commission will need to consider who will do the work.
- B. Comm. Kaminsky thanked everyone for their role in the Branford Festival. Discussed getting a sign for next year. Need to send a reminder next year about the balloons.
- C. Commission inquired as to the status of the milkweed project that Shirley McCarthy brought to them.

Adjournment: Comm. Kaminsky motioned to adjourn at 8:34pm, Comm. Saulys seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted



Jaymie Frederick, Board Clerk