

## WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

11/18/2020 (Remote Meeting via Zoom)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:11 PM.

**Roll Call/Seating of Alternates:** P. Andersen, K. Demers, C. Jordan, R. Shabot, J. Kulig at 7:55

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by RS/CJ the minutes of 10/21/2020 were approved with the following corrections: 1) Finance: \$1500 remaining in the F/Y 20/21 budget 2) Town Development: (a) "Communications with IWWC" (b) "... Monitor the conservation easement at Love's..." (3) New Business C.: The amount whether \$60.00 or \$65.00 will depend on whether CC has a joint membership with IWWC. Unanimous vote.

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** The full \$1500.00 remains in the budget

**Old Business/Status Reports:**

Potential Open Space Acquisition: The offer by the Talmadge family estate for the Town to purchase a 16+ acre parcel for open space on Mason Road was discussed with a consensus to do due diligence toward the purchase and to determine costs and explore funding options.

Motion by KD/RS that the Conserv. Comm. authorize the chair and vice-chair to ask the Bd. of Fin. to recommend that the Bd. of Selectmen call a town meeting to approve the expenditure of \$4500 from the Open Space Fund for an appraisal and an appraisal review. Unanimous approval. An appraisal is needed to determine a fair sales price.

Fenton-Ruby Mgmt. Plan update. Motion by KD/RS to authorize the chair and vice-chair to ask the BOF to recommend that the BOS call a town meeting to approve the expenditure of \$4500 from the Park and Recreation account to have Connwood Foresters update the Forestry and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for the Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve and Drobney Sanctuary. Unanimous approval.

Knowlton-Talmadge Mgmt. Plan : Tabled

Easement Property monitoring: Tabled

Properties Management: Discussion of issues

Town Development: Nothing new

Collaborative Orgs: Nothing

### New Business

Membership: CC will request that memberships be renewed for Kathy Demers, Bob Shabot and Marilyn Schreiber

Daley Award: Discussion of possible candidate

Communications: None

Other: Discussion of updating trail and boundary maps for Fenton-Ruby/Drobney and Knowlton/Talmadge. Posting permanent maps containing QR codes for digital access at trailheads was considered. JK volunteered to undertake the project.

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2020

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by Peter Andersen, secretary pro tempore

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At 1:00pm RJA

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