

## **WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

January 20, 2021 (Remote Meeting via Zoom)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:06 PM.

**Roll Call/Seating of Alternates:** P. Andersen, K. Demers, C. Jordan, M. Schreiber, R. Shabot.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by RS/KD the minutes of 12/16/2020 were approved with the following 3 amendments. Unanimous vote.

\* CJ will prepare the request for the CIP report for the upcoming fiscal year.

\* There will be a QR code (*a machine-readable optical label that contains information about the item to which it is attached*) for park visitors to use to access trail maps with their cellphone.

\* New Business Officers: WCC submitted a slate of new officers and the 2021 meeting schedule.

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** The current balance is \$1,288.15. On a motion by RS/CJ: “WCC will submit a request for \$1,500.00 for FY 21/22”. Unanimous vote.

### **Old Business/Status Reports:**

**A. Mason Road Open Space Acquisition Update:** The appraisal by Silverstein Appraisal Services is in progress.

**B. Fenton-Ruby Mgmt. Plan update.** Tabled.

**C. Knowlton Talmadge Mgmt. Plan.** There was a review of the Connwood Foresters Inc., “Forest and Wildlife Management Plan”. A boundary walk to continue placement of boundary medallions in the Knowlton Preserve will be scheduled.

**D. Easement Property monitoring:** Daleville School and Pinecrest. J.Kulig is scheduling monitoring on the listed properties and will notify abutting property owners as required.

**E. Properties Management:**

**1. Fenton Ruby/ Drobney Sanctuary:** R. Shabot cleared the Weigold Trail of fallen limbs.

**2. Knowlton Preserve/ Talmadge Tract:** Trail maps need to be replenished.

**F. Town Development:** Tabled

**G. Collaborative Orgs:** Tabled

**H. Daley Award:** There was discussion on potential nominees for the award.

**I. Other:** Tabled

**New Business**

**A. Future park and trail maintenance responsibility:** The membership would like to initiate a conversation concerning the maintenance of FRP-DS and other Open Space properties. The current members are no longer able or desire to perform the duties of trail maintenance. The lack of town insurance to cover any liability that could occur during work parties was also discussed. The Chair PA will explore avenues for discussion of this topic with members of Town Government.

**B. CT Trails Day** is June 5-6, 2021. Members discussed participating in the event by hosting a walk in one of the Town's Open Space properties.

**Next Meeting:** February 17, 2021

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary

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Received for record January 15, 2021  
At 1:50 pm R. Shabot  
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