

## WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

1/16/2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm.

**Roll Call:** P. Andersen, J. Cartabiano, M. Drobney, C. Jordan, J. Kulig, M. Schreiber, R. Shabot.

**On a motion by RS/JC:** M. Drobney was seated for K. Demers. Unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes of 12/19/18:** Minutes were approved on a motion by RS/JC: 6 ayes and 1 abstain: JK.

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** Treasurer's Report: NA, Expenditures: NA: CIP Program Request: RS attended the CIP meeting and explained WCC's funding request to the committee. The Selectman has asked town government to keep spending flat.

### Old Business/Status Reports

**A. Love's Travel Stop Status:** Tabled

**B. Open space land considerations:** Tabled

#### C. Properties Management

**1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary:** There are trees down on Julia's and Weigold trails.

**2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract:** Tabled.

**D. Easement/property monitoring:** On a motion by CJ/MD: " WCC approves the hire of Jackie Kulig to perform property monitoring at Birchwood Subdivision Open Space Parcel at the rate of \$50.00/hour and not to exceed 5 hours of work at this time." 6 ayes, 1 abstain: JK.

**E. Cadlerock brownfields assessment.** Phase II assessment on the brownfields will continue with grant funding acquired by Town government.

**F. Town Development:** Tabled

**G. Collaborative Organizations:** Tabled

**H. Other:** The Last Green Valley (TLGV), the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership (MassConn) and the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRICD) are offering an opportunity for woodland landowners to obtain forest management plans with bird habitat assessments. Contact # is 860 774-3300.

## **New Business**

### **A. Town Open Space:**

**1: Current Town property:** Tabled.

**2. Tax Sale:** RS reported on the upcoming tax sale on properties in town.

**B. Conn Trails Day June 1-2:** Preliminary planning for an event was discussed.

### **C: Communications:**

**1.** The Nipmuck trail system has a section that currently is located on private property on Marsh Road. The CFPA Nipmuck trail coordinator L. Suhr is interested in possibly rerouting this section of the Nipmuck trail to the Cadlerock property (see E. Old Business).

**2. Gypsy Moth Workshop:** CT DEEP Division of Forestry is presenting a workshop on 2/6/2019, 7-9 pm at the Windham County Extension Center, Brooklyn CT. General information, forest management options and economic issues will be discussed. Contact Bill Reid 774-262-3284 for more information

**D. FRP-Knowlton- Talmadge educational spring program:** Ideas were discussed for a program. The program could be in conjunction with the Willington Farm Tour that is planned for spring.

**E. Other:** The 2019 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference is March 23, 2019.

**Next Meeting:** 2/20/2019

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary