

WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

2/20/2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:04 pm.

**Roll Call:** P. Andersen, K. Demers, M. Drobney, J. Kulig, and R. Shabot.

**On a motion by RS/KD:** M. Drobney was seated for M.Schreiber. Unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes of 1/16/19:** Minutes were approved on a motion by MD/RS: 4 ayes and 1 abstain: KD.

C. Jordan joined the meeting at 7:08 pm

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** Treasurer's Report/Expenditures: NA; WCC discussed proposed FY 2019-2020 budget. On a motion by KD/RS: **"WCC approves submitting a FY 2019-2020 budget request of \$1,500 to the BOF."** Unanimous vote. PA will attend BOF mtg to present budget.

**Old Business/Status Reports**

**A. CT Trails Day Event – June 2nd.** WCC and Ashford CC will co-sponsor a CT Trails Day event on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. WCC will engage Frederick Peck to lead a 3 hour hike starting at 10 am from Willington's Fenton Ruby Park to Ashford's Langhammer Property and back for the event. Hike info will be submitted for CT Forests and Parks Association's event brochure and to local media resources. On a motion by JK/KD: **"WCC approves expenditure of \$75 to pay Frederick Peck to lead the 3 hour hike."** Unanimous vote.

**Willington Farm Tour – June 2nd.** WCC will collaborate with local farms to co-host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Willington Farm Tour" from 2-6 pm. WCC discussed advertisement for the event. JK will submit event info to the Willington Wire and other media resources.

**B. Easement /Property Monitoring: Luchon Road Open Space- Map #13/005-00.**  
Letters informing abutters about the upcoming monitoring have been sent.  
Forester Jackie Kulig will perform the monitoring.

**C. Cadlerock brownfields assessment/ CFPA Nipmuck Trail route.** Phase II assessment continues. Towns expect results update May 2019. WCC will keep CFPA informed.

**D. Properties Management**

**1. Fenton-Ruby Park/Drobney Sanctuary:** Several downed trees on trails will need cutting. PA met with Lustig Road resident about trees from FRP that had fallen on his property and gave resident permission to cut them up for firewood.

**2. Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract:** KD noted signs last week of ATV trespass on Town's Knowlton property/CFPA's Nipmuck Trail. Trail map box missing from sign post. Also two large trees have been cut along trail. One is still standing. WCC will notify BOS and CFPA and get direction about how to proceed.

**E. CLCC Conference March 23.** Several members plan to attend. On a motion by KD/RS: **"WCC approves expending up to \$65 per member to reimburse attendance fee."** Unanimous vote.

**F. Town Development:** WCC discussed PZC and IWWC applications by Love's Travel Stops and related environmental concerns. On a motion by CJ/JK: **"WCC authorizes PA and KD to speak on WCC's behalf and present WCC's environmental concerns to PZC and IWWC related to Love's Travel Stop's applications."** 5 ayes and 1 abstain: MD.

**G. Collaborative Organization News & Communication:** CJ to check with WRA about its current organizational status.

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

**I. Other:** CC website membership information has been updated.

**New Business**

**A: Communications:** JK and PA will submit info for Willington Wire by 3/1/19. A letter forwarded by BOS office from Sarah Reis, "It Takes A Village Hill" was discussed. On a motion by CJ/JK: **"WCC moves to invite Sarah Reis to come to next meeting to discuss the organization and how it might work with WCC."** Unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting:** 3/20/2019

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Demers, secretary pro tem