

## **WILLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

10/21/2020

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes 2/19/2020:** On a motion by RS/CJ the minutes of 2/19/2020 were approved: Unanimous vote.

**Present to Speak:** NA

**Finance:** There is \$1500.00 remaining in the FY19/20 budget. CJ reported on fund balances for monies related to the Conservation Commission that are located in the Parks and Recreation budget. The balances in these Funds as of April 16, 2020 are as follows: Open Space Fund - \$65,755.62, Park & Recreation Capital Fund - \$10,484.58 (All for use by Conservation Commission), 2,570.00 Designated for Fenton-Ruby Park, 7,914.58. Undesignated.

PA reported on the FY20/21 budget request for WCC that was presented to the Board of Finance on 2/20/2020. The amount awarded to WCC was \$1500.00

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

**Easement Monitoring:** Daleville School & Pinecrest Roads. Tabled

### **Properties Management**

**Fenton-Ruby Park /Drobney Sanctuary:** The Taylor and Ruby Trails have several trees that have severed branches hanging over the trails that need removal. There are boardwalks that also need repair. Julia's Trail also has tree blowdowns. The tree work is beyond the skill set that the Commission wishes to undertake. PA put up a detour sign and yellow ribbon tape to direct hikers past the tree blowdowns.

**Burma Road:** The road was blocked due to live electric lines and downed trees. The damage has been repaired by the Public Works crew.

**Knowlton Preserve/Talmadge Tract:** KD/MS cleared both trails of downed trees with the assistance of Chris Demers. There are also boardwalks that need repair.

### **Town Development**

**Love's TS&CS:** A letter from WCC was submitted to DEEP for the public comment period for the necessary storm water management permit. The permit has not been granted at this writing.

**Communications with IWCC:** WCC is not permitted to monitor any activities at Love's TS&CS. Only regulatory Town Commissions have authorization for project monitoring.

**Open space land considerations:** See New Business

**Collaborative Organizations News & Communication:** Tabled

## New Business

**FRP Forestry Management Plan update:** KD reported on her inquiries to Foresters for updates on the Forest Management Plans for FRP-DS.

**Open space land considerations:** There was discussion concerning the steps and timelines of Open Space acquisitions.

**Natchaug River Healthy Watershed Program:** The Eastern Conservation District is writing a new watershed protection plan in conjunction with DEEP. The final plan will be presented to the District's towns for accepting the plan. The WCC may be asked to aide in the review of the plan.

**Communications:** PA presented notices and comments from the public. There was no action taken.

**C Other:** CJ reported on the status of annual bills for CLCC and CACIWC membership. **On a motion by KD/RS WCC authorized payment of CLCC and CACIWC for FY20/21.** So moved.  
Unanimous vote

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2020

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 9:03 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Schreiber, Recording Secretary

TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CT

Received for record

At 2:58 pm

October 22, 2020  
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