

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of December 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Room #3, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are Subject to Approval by the Conservation Commission

Present: Holly Kocet, Cindy Joyce, Mark Boland (departed at 7:28 pm, returned 8:00 pm), Tom Philbrick, Karlyn Sturmer, Chris Smith (arrived 8:18 pm)

Staff: Robert Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning & Land Use, Georgia Contois, Clerk

Ms. Kocet opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 13, 2017

Mr. Boland moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2017. Mr. Philbrick seconded. All in favor. The minutes from November 13, 2017 were approved.

WEB PAGE

Keith Ciociola gave the Commissioners a presentation of the website. He asked for information on the Conservation Commission email and will work with Land Use staff to coordinate with the new site. Commissioners discussed using Keith hourly for projects/updates as material becomes available. Ms. Sturmer stressed the importance of including maps for each page on the site. Ms. Sturmer made a motion to go public with the site. Mr. Philbrick seconded. All members were in favor. Mr. Sibley asked Mr. Ciociola to send his invoice.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Board of Selectmen – Three members (Ms. Kocet, Ms. Joyce and Mr. Boland) are due to be sworn in with the Town Clerk after the Board of Selectmen appoint them at their next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Sturmer made a motion to hold the Conservation Commission meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in the New Year. Mr. Philbrick seconded. All members were in favor.

Commissioners decided to use the first meeting on 2018 as a Planning Meeting to set goals for the year.

COMMISSION PRIORITIES

AI's Trail

Ms. Sturmer said that there needs to be a meeting between multiple groups like the Blue Dot, Trail Crew and NFA. Ms. Kocet said that she attempted to reach out to Pat Barkman with no luck. The Commission also discussed the AI's Trail website.

Town Owned Open Space

Mr. Sibley was asked to print off a new Open Space map of Newtown to hang next to the existing 2012 map. They also went through the GIS website with Mr. Sibley.

Kiosks

Ms. Sturmer said that she will continue working on the kiosk format but mentioned handing it off to a new Commissioner once the roster is full, as she may be leaving the Commission

Next Open Space Project

Ms. Sturmer said that Pond Brook is first on her list of projects but priorities can be set at the Projects Meeting in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Philbrick moved to enter Executive Session, inviting Mr. Sibley. Mr. Boland seconded. The Commission entered Executive Session at 8:29 PM.

The Commission returned from Executive Session at 9:38 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Joyce moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Mr. Philbrick seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk