

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Meeting of January 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Room #1, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are Subject to Approval by the Conservation Commission

Present: Holly Kocet, Cindy Joyce, Tom Philbrick, Karlyn Sturmer,

Staff: Dawn Fried, Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 11, 2017

Under "Town Owned Open Space" change "They" to "The Commissioners". Mr. Philbrick moved to approve the amended minutes from December 11, 2017. Ms. Joyce seconded. All in favor. The minutes from December 11, 2017 were approved.

CC CALENDAR FOR 2018

Ms. Sturmer moved to approve the CC calendar for 2018. Mr. Philbrick seconded. All in favor.

CONSERATION COMMISSION CANDIDATE

Ms. Kocet has invited an interested CC candidate, Gail Friedman, to the next CC meeting

RECAP OF 2017

Ms. Kocet gave a recap of the following:

- High Meadow Study
- Website
- Stone Bridge Forestry Project – Monitor invasives. Take walks once a year.
- O.S. Parcels
- Native Plant Policy

PRIORITIES FOR 2018

The Commission had a lengthy discussion of the priorities and follow-ups for 2018.

- High Meadow Study
- Native Plant Policy
- Follow-up
 - Stonebridge – Monitor invasives. Take walks once a year.
 - Vegetation Study for High Meadow
- Establish Properties to Manage/Tools to do so
 - New Open Space Map
 - Pole Bridge:
 - Pond Brook:
 - Receive an assessment by a forester for Pole Bridge and Pond Brook to assist the CC on deciding the value of the properties.

- Track Cherry Grove Farm
- Information and Outreach to Community
 - Website
 - Kiosks
- Al's Trail - Make a decision on how to move forward. Set-up meeting with Dan Rosenthal.

OTHER TOPICS

Ms. Kocet would like the following topics to be discussed at the next CC meeting:

- Earth Day Booth on April 21
- The Fracking Waste Ban
- The "Barberry Blitz in Newtown"

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Philbrick moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Ms. Kocet seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Fried, Clerk