Town of Stonington Conservation Commission
DRAFT Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2015
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Call to order: Called to order by Vice Chairman Stuart Cole at 7:06 p.m. Commission members also in attendance were Jim Friedlander, Ben Baldwin, Sheila Lyons and Tim Bell. Members Stanton Simm and Bob Dewire were absent. Members of the public were present.

2. Review of Town Developments and Proposals
2a. *Any pending applications and new preliminary proposals*. None.

Correspondence: Received a "Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for Dam Safety Permit and Intent to Waive Public Hearing" made by Toll CT, Limited Partnership (Application No: DS-201501590 at http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2586&Q=565326, Dam Name & DEEP ID No: Old Mystic Estates, #13731). The location is 12 Mystic River Square, the riverfront condominium behind the Days Inn, where a connection between Whitehall Pond and the Mystic River will be made for Old Mystic Estates' storm water infrastructure.

MOTION: Move to New Business (Jim Friedlander, Tim Bell). Passed unanimously.

5. New Business
5a. *Review of Commission's current fiscal year budget.* Budget is $4,100 and $3,046 was allocated to New England Science and Sailing (NESS) for Barn Island and Spellman Pond field trips leaving a balance of $1,054. It was noted that Naturescapes, the previous field trip provider for decades, charged much less than NESS which means that there are fewer funds for other purposes. Stuart Cole proposed an allocation of $150 to Stonington Land Trust (SLT), $150 to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (DPNC), $60 to the Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC), $50 to the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA), with the remaining $644 allocated to buses for field trips and no funds allocated to Avalonia Land Conservancy (ALC). It was noted that NESS has compromised in the amount it is charging and no extra funds will be solicited this year for in-class visits.
Jim Friedlander proposed allocating $75 to each of SLT and ALC. Stuart Cole explained the history of a problem with ALC's decentralized leadership, how the expected resolution did not occur as that leadership was not heard from again, which was unsatisfactory at that time. It was noted that the ALC organization and leadership have changed in resent years and that while it may be regional it has Stonington as its center where it holds and manages much open space. Sheila Lyons proposed allocating $25 to ALC to at least keep them on the list this year. Stuart Cole proposed the following allocation, made as a motion by Sheila Lyons and seconded by Tim Bell: $125 to each of SLT and the DPNC, $50 to ALC, $60 to CACIWC, $60 to WPWA, and $644 for buses. The motion passed with Ben Baldwin, Tim Bell, and Sheila Lyons in favor, Jim Friedlander against, and Stuart Cole did not vote.

MOTION to adjourn by Tim Bell, seconded by Jim Friedlander. Made at 7:45 pm.

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Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission

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