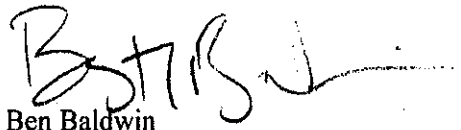


Town of Stonington Conservation Commission
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2018
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Chairman Stuart Cole called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Members present were Michael Schefers, Ben Baldwin, and James Kading. Members Jim Friedlander, Sheila Lyons, and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan were absent. Bill Lyman of the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee was present.
2. Review of Town developments and Proposals
 - a. **PZ1732POCD Town of Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission - Amendment for the adoption of the Stonington Coastal Resilience Plan as an appendix to the POCD. The plan was recently completed through the Connecticut Department of Housing's Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Program.** A printed copy was examined. It is much smaller than the PDF version which includes addenda, including maps. Ben Baldwin said the plan describes how open space aids resilience, but there is some inconstancy and vagueness in property names and addresses when describing specific properties. MOTION: We delay any decision on the amendment until we have reviewed the plan and a request is received from the Planning Department (Michael Schefers, Jim Kading) Passed unanimously.
 - b. *Any pending applications and new preliminary proposals - None*
3. Old Business
 - a. *Dam Committee* – Michael Schefers said he and Jim Friedlander examined the Whitford Pond dam north of Wolf Neck Road and thought this section of Whitford Brook would benefit from a fish ladder for access to the pond and brook up to Long Pond. Ben Baldwin wondered if the Hyde Pond dam, removed by CT Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound in '15-16, could be used at Whitford Brook. Stuart Cole said the Hyde Pond ladder had been purchased by Trout Unlimited.
 - b. *Discussion of Stonington's 200 Greatest Roadside Trees* – Not discussed. Submissions welcome to <http://bit.ly/2y7WGgl>.
 - c. *Discussion of open space and conservation easement transfers for ongoing and past subdivisions* – It was noted that the Deer Ridge open space parcels recently transferred, but not to a land trust or homeowners association.
 - d. *Discussion of 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development* – Ben Baldwin will resign from the POCD Implementation Committee and Michael Schefers will take over as Commission representative.
 - e. *Discussion of updates to 2007 Open Space Plan* – Subcommittee members Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Jim Kading and Michael Schefers will meet with other town residents. Jim is away until 2/21/2018. List of Committed Open Space PDF list distributed by Ben Baldwin via email on 12/1/2017 for review. The list is available for review at <http://bit.ly/2nxkzqn>.
 - f. *Installing signs on Town open space properties* – Ben Baldwin said the disk marker on a post at 23 Bittersweet Way needs replacement.
 - g. *Any other Old business - None.*
4. Open Space Parcels
 - a. *Discussion of parcels for preservation* – Encroachment by abutters at several open space parcels was discussed – Deer Ridge Road, Vargas Pond.
 - b. *Discussion of CTDEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program* – Not discussed.
5. New Business – none.
6. Review of draft minutes – 11/27/17 – MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended (Michael Schefers, Jim Kading). Passed unanimously.
7. Adjournment – Michael Schefers made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Jim Kading seconded. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by



Ben Baldwin
Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission

Approved at a regular meeting on February 26, 2018