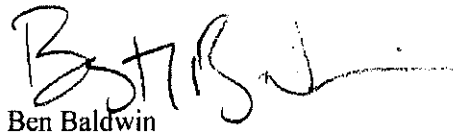


Town of Stonington Conservation Commission  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2018  
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Chairman Stuart Cole called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Members present were James Kading, Ben Baldwin and Sheila Lyons, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan. Members Jim Friedlander and Michael Schefers were absent.
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.** Ben Baldwin said that the Town Planner says the Plan was sent to the Commission for comments for the PZC regarding its adoption as an appendix to the POCD. The Conservation Commission will review. Ben Baldwin will send in his comments regarding the naming convention for open space. Stuart Cole suggested reading the 'Next Steps' section.
  - b. *Any pending applications and new preliminary proposals* - None
3. Old Business
  - a. *Dam Committee* – Not discussed.
  - 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* – Open space properties not yet transferred from developers or transferred to individuals instead of the town, land trusts or homeowners associations was discussed. In particular, Mystic Estates aka Deer Ridge subdivision was discussed as it transferred from the developer to individuals who filed a Notice of Interruption & Intent to Dispute Any Adverse Claim on the land records on 1/26/2016 regarding an apparent encroachment. An open space parcel on Cove Road also transferred from a developer to an individual abutter. Ben Baldwin will distribute the list of committed open space with owners who appear to be developers of individuals – not the town, state, land trusts or homeowner associations. Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan arrived.
  - d. *Discussion of 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development* – Not discussed.
  - e. *Discussion of updates to 2007 Open Space Plan* – The Open Space Plan subcommittee did not meet over the past month.
  - f. *Installing signs on Town open space properties* – Not discussed
  - g. *Any other Old business* - None.
4. Open Space Parcels
  - a. *Discussion of parcels for preservation* – Not discussed.
  - b. *Discussion of CTDEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program* – Last grant round had applications due on 2/1/2018.
5. New Business – none.
6. Review of draft minutes – 1/27/17 – MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented (Jim Kading, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan). Passed, with one abstention by Sheila Lyons.
7. Adjournment – Jim Kading made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by



Ben Baldwin

Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission

Approved at a regular meeting on March 26, 2018