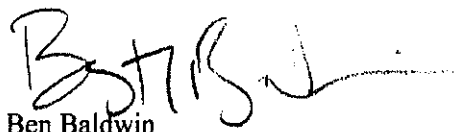


Town of Stonington Conservation Commission  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2017  
Police Station Community Meeting Room, 173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

1. Stuart Cole called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Members present were, Ben Baldwin, James Kading, and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan. Members Jim Friedlander, Sheila Lyons, and Michael Schefers were absent. Bill Lyman of the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee and another member of the public were present.
2. Review of Town developments and Proposals
  - a. *Any pending applications and new preliminary proposals* - None
3. Old Business
  - d. *Discussion of 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development* - and
  - e. *Discussion of updates to 2007 Open Space Plan* - Bill Lyman discussed the Conservation Commission's tasks within the 2015 POCD and suggested the CC plan to go forward with them. He recommends combining the natural resource inventory task with the task for an update of the 2007 of the open space plan. He said that Willington has done so, based on the inventories and plans of Woodstock and Brooklyn. Lyman said there is no set timetable, but recommends planning to go forward. Stuart Cole will speak with Michael Schefers about inviting public participation in a Conservation Commission - Open Space (working) Subcommittee. Bill Lyman departed at 7:45 pm.
    - a. *Dam Committee* - Stuart Cole said Jim Friedlander has a list of dams. Ben Baldwin said he will distribute a 1996 DEEP list of dams he found and has added to.
    - b. *Discussion of Stonington's 200 Greatest Roadside Trees* - The list currently includes 20± trees. Submissions are requested at <http://bit.ly/2y7WGgl>.
    - c. *Discussion of open space and conservation easement transfers for ongoing and past subdivisions* - Not discussed.
    - 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* – Specific parcels not discussed.
  - b. *Discussion of maintenance of Town owned open space parcel between Hewitt Rd., Hatch St. and Geiser St., Mystic. Assessor's Map 161, Block 10, Lot 6E.* - Ben Baldwin said that Keith Brynes had not heard back from the abutter and that he had left a message with Barbara McKrell of DPW regarding the issue.
5. New Business
  - a. *Discussion of CTDEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program* – DEEP is accepting applications from municipalities and others for the next round of the competitive Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. They are due by February 1, 2018. It was noted that the Town has not participated lately, but that Avalonia and DPNC had in recent years.
  - b. *2018 Meeting Schedule* – 4th Monday at 7 pm except for May 21 and no December meeting.
6. Review of draft minutes – 9/25/17 – MOTION: To approve the minutes as distributed (Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Ben Baldwin). Passed unanimously.
7. Adjournment – James Kading made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by



Ben Baldwin

Secretary, Town of Stonington Conservation Commission

Approved at a regular meeting of the Commission on 11/27/2017