

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
for
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Ingrid Aarrestad, Mike Dukette, Linda Paige, and Karen Greenberg, Gloria Coles

Guests: Neil Hoss

Previous minutes of November 15, 2012 read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$1060.66 remaining in budget.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- **Mapping Project:** Mike will make another contact with Sara.
- **Presentation to Selectmen:** A printout of Lise's and Karen's thoughts about our needs and goals was given out.
- **Town Hall Bulletin Board.** We will need someone to make contacts with schools to find students to help with updating the Town bulletin board.
- **Willington River Alliance fund (\$15,000).**
- **Management of Town Owned Properties:**
 - Ingrid spoke with Rick Zulik. He is a forester and is now head of Public Works. He is willing to spend time with us in managing Town properties.
 - Karen's research found:
 - COVERTS program runs in September. Karen sent for application to the program, which is free to participants. Their classes help woodland owners learn sound management practices to improve health and diversity of CT's forests.
 - UCONN also provides education for woodland owners, through their Forest Resource Education for Municipal Officials (FREMO) project.
 - CT-DEEP Forestry Division has the Service Forestry Program. A forester will come to Stafford, walk our land with us, and help us develop a plan for habitat management.
- Mike is going to remove the signs closing Woodlawn Trail, as hunting season is now closed.
- Mike is still working on closing the Overlook Trail at Woodlawn.
- Hunting behind West Stafford School: Ingrid will find out if hunting is still allowed there. Then maybe will suggest to Selectmen why hunting around schools is not a good idea.
- The leftover sewer stickers are upstairs, but no glue.
- Karen will not be able to sign up for the library window right now. Other might desire to do it; Ingrid and Karen have materials available.
- Trails Day in June. Mike will do Woodlawn, he will contact Park Association.

New Business:

- **Bob Keirans** has resigned. We will miss him and will still keep him in the loop!
- **Selectman Neil Hoss** is interested in constructing a Frisby Golf course in Stafford. He noted that Frisbee Golf tournaments in other towns bring a huge crowd into town to play and as spectators. This would be beneficial to Town businesses of the Frisbee Golf course was laid out in Hyde Park and nearby. The goals are permanent in-ground installations and may be cement balls holding up the goal poles, or there might be a smaller less intrusive method of installing the goals. Karl Molitarsky, a former resident of Stafford, is willing to front \$15-20K to build the course. Jow Courtney said he could write a grant for funding the course, possibly through a "Connecticut Main Street Connection."
- **Rick Zulick, Head of Public Works in Stafford**, is also a Forester and Ingrid will ask him to help with our project of managing Town lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.20 p.m.

Submitted by Karen J. Greenberg, Secretary