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Stafford Conservation Commission minutes

Date: Sunday, April 9, 2017 Regular scheduled meeting Time: 9:30 AM Place: Warren Memorial town hall

1. Call to order/pledge. 9:39 A.M. Jen Arpin, Kitty Schooley, Paul Pearson, Arlene Avery, Mike Mocko, Steven Munn were in attendance.
2. Acceptance of last (3/12) meeting minutes. Arlene motioned to accept, and Jen seconded accepting meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Budget report (Jen) Budget report, No changes from last meeting.
4. Earth Day (April 22) – We discussed how there are activity conflicts between us and both the Girls Scouts and Energy commission activity in town who are having a geothermal presentation included. Conservation event at West Stafford Conservation Area sponsors by Stafford Conservation Commission. Kitty suggested coordinating our activities with next year's event activities. Arlene proposed to reschedule on Arbor Day and add additional vegetation identification markers for the trail. Jen suggest we change to Arbor Day.
The group decided to maintain the date as planned for April 22.
 - a. Flyers have distributed, along with media notifications, etc.
 - b. Lunch plans
Kitty to have pizzas delivered, members will bring insect sprays. Jen / Paul can identify and bring scrap books easels and bulletins.
 - c. Educational talk? Maps are in place.
5. Grant proposals? Tabled.
6. North Central Conservation District: Study of Dennis Pond area. (Arlene Avery) Arlene will report in writing next meeting.
 - a. CACIWC -what membership entails – Arlene to report in writing next meeting.
 - b. CT Forest and Parks Assoc. -what membership entails. Plenty of free seminars on invasive species etc. Tabled. Arlene's write-up to follow.
7. Ordinance report (Arlene); possible election of vice-chair. Write-up will follow.
8. Trails and signs Paul reported Dennis Pond the end of the Beaver Trail will be posted once contacts and boundaries have been established.
 - a. 2017 Connecticut Trails Day (Interpretive walk) event takes place on Saturday, June 3 with rain date Sunday, June 4, 2017, at West Stafford Conservation area (Jen) Connecticut Forest and Parks Association event. Event has state-wide awareness.
 - b. Dennis Pond Trails/signs updates (Jen and Paul)
 - i. Educational sign installed. Not yet installed.
 - ii. Trail bridges at Dennis Pond – work in progress.
 - c. Pinney School Road trail development (Steve) Steve presented a trail map coordinated with Mike. Nice

historic site. The trail will be mostly be marketed or advertised as walking and bicycle use. Discouraging the use for any motorize vehicles with the exception on wheel chair. Historic Valley Mill cotton mfg. markers evidenced of an impoundment pond and water raceway. Former Iron furnace site? Map presented. It is suggested that Stafford partner with the town historical commission. Arlene suggests we connect with the Archeologists office. Steve to present map and proposed outline to the First selectmen

- d. Photography Bird blinds: Paul- No progress. Tabled.
- e. Tick education signs: Kitty contacted Dave Gorski of the high school to have permanent weatherized signs created.
- f. West Stafford Trail/signs updates (Mike) Nothing to report.
- g. Woodlawn Trail/signs updates (Brian)
- i. Trail bridges at Woodlawn: Brain and Paul to discuss further bridge locations and materials. Tabled.

9. Old business.

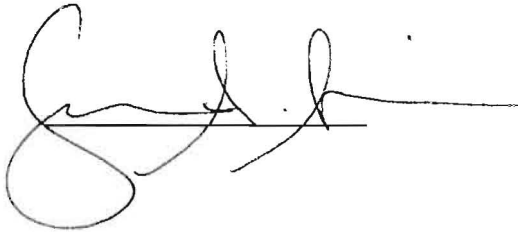
- a. Updates on repurposing Dennis Pond bridge materials to accessible-to-all fishing dock. Paul will reach out with the Stafford High School Industrial Arts instructor.

b. No additional old business

10. No new business.

11. Appreciation/ Mtg adjourned at 11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.