



Stafford Conservation Commission Minutes

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Date: Sunday, June 10, 2018

Time: 9:35 AM

Place: Warren Memorial Town Hall, Probate Room

1. Call to order/pledge/attendance: A. Halloran (seated for J. Greene.), V. Halloran, A. Avery, P. Pearson, K. Schooley, and B. Zawodniak
2. Acceptance of last meeting minutes as filed. A. Avery motioned to accept the meeting minutes of May, Alonna second it. Brian Zawodniak abstained otherwise carried unanimously.
3. Budget review: We have \$170.98 left in budget to be spent by end of fiscal year, June 30, 2018. \$50 was voted to buy disc for disc golf committee; \$35 to be used to print trail maps; \$76.63 to be used to buy gift cards to support future events.
4. Correspondence (Kitty): none
5. Events
 - a. Ice Cream Social? Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, August 7 discussed as a possibility; will ask resident state troopers to be involved. Possible community businesses to donate food and supplies.
 - b. Fishing Derby set for July 14, 2018 (Rain date will be 15th)
 - c. Annual picnic – Paul will offer his residence for the annual SCC August picnic and come up with a future date.
 - d. Farm Day September 9th 2018
 - e. Parades: the commission will participate in the 300th anniversary parade set for September 2019. However, other town parades were not seen as feasible.
6. Stafford disc golf committee
 - a. Any updates: Brian will purchase the discs this month.
 - b. On Wednesday June 13 the Final disc golf meeting will be held at the Green room at the community center.
7. Trails and Signs
 - a. Dennis Pond (Paul) – new sign has been painted
 - b. Valley Cotton Mill Trails on Penney School Road development-Veronica and Alonna walked it earlier in the week and reports the tick population needs to be addressed prior to development. Tick tubes recommended. Further development delayed until brush under control and parking available.
 - c. West Stafford Conservation Area (Mike or Ingrid) – tabled. No report.
 - d. Woodlawn Trail (Brian) ON CT trail days members walked the Woodlawn and took inventory. The findings were to have approximately 4 trees (deadfall) need to be removed because of the potential liability. Also need signage for scenic outlooks and vernal pool.
8. Old business
 - a. North Central Conservation District report (Alonna)-tabled. No report.
 - b. Filling vacant seats on the commission members will solicit interested candidates.

- c. CT trail days this year only had members of the commission attend (though it was scheduled on the rain date) next year better advertisement needs to be considered

9. New business

- a. Last Green Valley grant proposal-James wrote a rough draft proposal for Dennis Pond. Discussion included clean up possible date Oct 13 (rain date Oct. 20) and venue change to Woodlawn.
- b. 3M Grant-funding for students to be connected to nature. Possible outdoor classroom. Arlene will reach out to DPW about use of building at Dennis Pond.
- c. Other new business- Arlene and Kitty will attend Lyme Disease and Tick Borne Illness conference in Vernon 6/16

10. Public Comment – N/A

11. Adjourn 11:20 Arlene motioned to adjourn, Alonna seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


