

Conservation Committee meeting October 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Bob Johnson, chairman

HCC members present- Pat, Cascio, Diane Gagnon, Bob Johnson, Everett Hyde, Stanley Crawford, Marcia Kilpatrick

Others present – Alan Cahill, 1<sup>st</sup> selectman

No minutes were available to be approved. Alan will try to find them. Taken by Michael Chapel

Additions were made to the agenda.

Alan Cahill gave a report of the large number of trees in town that were dead due to gypsy moth. Those near the roads are being removed. Stan Crawford also talked about the number of dead trees.

Alan gave a report about the progress being made to acquire land near the Little River on Hammond Hill Rd across from the sheep farm on the West side of the River. The owner is willing now to sell the property. The conservation committee had been in contact with the owners previously but they were not interested in selling (Randy Thompson had written a letter to them.) Price \$200,000. The conversation with the owners is ongoing.

Alan also spoke about the 12 Town Airline Trail DEEP parkland. Idea was discussed and Bob will write a letter of support for the grant money for the project.

Old Business:

Inventories and principles of the land properties in town will be discussed at the next meeting. Everett and Stan will find and work on the maps. Michael Chapel will be asked to help find the maps as to where they are located in the town hall.

New Business:

Ballot questions/referendum –Discussion on how we will be able to disseminate information. An article by Jean Romano will be in the November Gazette. Some information has been in the Hartford Courant and The Chronicle. There is a possibility to set up a table at the day of voting. Bob will check to see if there is a need to request permission to do so from Leslie Wertam. Bob will also contact Angelika Hansen who is willing to coordinate such effort if there is enough interest in sitting at the table. Penny Newberry has made a poster.

Publicity/Upcoming events:

Earth Day Project

Talks on environmental issues.

Walks and Hikes series/walking brochures

Table at the Hampton Harvest Day –possibly on invasive plants

The above projects to be discussed further at a another meeting.

Pollinator Field: To be done in the spring. Michael Chapel might be able to dig up the space. More discussion at an another meeting as to the planting of it.

Invasive Plant Conference: Marcia Kilpatrick attend and gave information acquired and noted a number of written resources she received at the conference.

Adopt a Road project: Bob will write an article for the gazette to see if we can encourage people to be interested in keeping the streets clean of bottles, can, etc.

Meeting Dates: The meeting dates will be changed to the third Tuesdays.  
Emails will be sent by Bob to all members if a meeting is canceled. An agenda will be sent by Bob prior to the meeting of the agenda.

WCCC meeting: October 29, 2018 at Brooklyn Extension office. The speaker is Jean Pillo and topic is the Thames River Basin /projects that are being worked on.

Killingly Conservation Committee Back Roads Project:  
Possibility of HCC doing a similar project.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

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