

Conservation
August 8, 2016

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held a regular meeting Monday, August 8, 2016 in Meeting Room 3 of the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street. Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Ryan, Cindy Joyce, Karlyn Sturmer and Mark Boland (7:22pm)

ABSENT: Tom Philbrick

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Sturmer moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 7/11/16. Ms. Joyce seconded. Mr. Ryan noted that the date in the third paragraph under Discussion Items should be August 8 (not August 10). All in favor of the amended minutes. The minutes of 7/26/16 were tabled. Ms. Sturmer suggested people invited to meetings to present should not be included under Public Participation. Adding 'Also Present' to the minutes was agreed upon.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Review of other Commissions

Board of Finance: Mark Boland - no update.

Fairfield Hills Authority: Mark Boland - no update.

Parks & Recreation: Karly Sturmer - no update.

Inland Wetlands: Tom Philbrick – no update.

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission: Jim Ryan – no update.

Planning and Zoning: Cindy Joyce – no update.

Board of Selectmen: no update.

ACTION ITEMS

Newtown Forestry Management Plan – the commission discussed the proposed management area and forest access regarding the Stone Bridge property. A general overview of the upcoming presentation was discussed which will include the acknowledgement that this is a Conservation Commission initiative. Mr. Ryan will follow up with Jeremy Clark relative to boundary lines, noise control and the town road status. The commissioners spoke about the educational aspect of the work, including a day of education involving the schools. The commission will review the draft proposal for discussion at a future time. The grant for this work needs to be accepted through the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and the Legislative Council.

NEW BUSINESS

An open space ribbon cutting at the Halfway River access was held last week. Ms. Joyce questioned if the commission has any responsibility.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commission Priorities 2016

1.) **Web page** – no update.

2.) **Stone Bridge** – discussed under Newtown Forestry Management Plan.

3.) **High Meadow** – no update.

Tracking Topics

1.) **Kiosks** – Ms. Sturmer asked what happened to the kiosks on the High Meadow; her lock was removed.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS – Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Monday, September 12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Conservation Commission adjourned their regular meeting at 8:22p.m.

Susan Marcinek, Clerk Pro Tem