

TOWN OF ESSEX  
**Conservation Commission**

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**Executive Board**  
*Kathleen Tucker, Chairman*  
*Jeffrey Lovelace, Vice Chairman*

**Regular Members**  
*Richard Helmecki, Member*  
*Pam Bernardini, Member*  
*Adrienne Forrest, Member*  
*Vacancy*

**Unapproved**

**Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
**Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.**  
Town Hall, 29 West Avenue  
Second Floor Conference Room B

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted the regular Meeting on May 1, 2014 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall.

**Attending Members**

Kay Tucker  
Rich Helmecki  
Pam Bernardini  
Adrienne Forrest

**Absent Members**

Jeffrey Lovelace

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Old Business**

**a. Trail Reports**

**Viney Hill Brook Park**

Ms. Tucker reported that the Essex Land Trust will conduct a walk at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2014 at the Viney Hill Brook Preserve.

Ms. Tucker received an email from Jeff Lovelace who stated that he visited Viney Hill Brook Park and that all of the trails looked good. Mr. Lovelace reported that the bog bridges are in good shape and holding up. Mr. Lovelace will contact Mr. Bombaci and request that he complete the necessary work within the Preserve.

**Bushy Hill Preserve**

Ms. Bernardini visited Bushy Hill Preserve. Ms. Bernardini reported that a tree was down by one of the bridges.

Mr. Helmecki reported that one of the three bridges in the Falls River area has been washed out and a slat requires repair on another bridge. It was noted that with the recent heavy rain fall, it will take up to a week for the water to recede.

Ms. Tucker will email Jim Dunham and inquire as to who the Essex Land Trust contact is for the Bushy Hill Preserve with regard to assistance with the repair of the bridge.

### **Canfield Meadow Wood**

Ms. Bernardini stated that she visited Canfield Meadow Woods and she reported that the trails all look good.

#### **b. Other**

Ms. Tucker reported that All Habitat Services will charge \$1600 to treat the phragmite around the Old Quarry Pond, the Broadwalk area and off trail and from the right-of-way road to the gate. The cost to apply the herbicide and cut back the knotweed is \$900. The cost for two treatments for tick control is \$800. Ms. Tucker stated that she is still waiting to hear about the mosquito abatement. The cost for the adulticide application is \$600; one treatment in May and one treatment in mid-June. All-Habitat will inspect in mid-July for a fee of \$150 and if necessary a larvacide will be applied at that time. Members agreed that they will conduct the inspection mid-July. Ms. Tucker stated that she will contact All Habitat and ask them to do apply two adulticide treatments around the pond and over a large area.

**MOTION** made by Pam Bernardini to approve All Habitat to apply two treatments of the adulticide around the pond and over a large area; **SECONDED** by Adrienne Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** K. Tucker, R. Helmecki, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Mr. Helmecki inquired if the Conservation Commission has received any volunteers for new membership. Ms. Tucker will contact Jim Denham and ask if the Essex Land Trust knows of anyone that is interested in membership on the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Forrest indicated that she is aware of someone who may be interested in joining the Commission.

Ms. Forrest will ask Mr. Prendergast if he has any available Scouts to assist with the construction of the kiosk.

Ms. Tucker will contact Shirley Malcarne and ask her to research the deeds at the Essex Town Hall and update the Inventory of easements granted in the past year.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Other**

**Review and Approve April 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Helmecki asked for the following amendment: Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mr. Helmecki acknowledged former member, Douglas Demarest who faithfully served on the Conservation Commission for many years. Mr. Helmecki extended on behalf of the Commission condolences to the family of Mr. Demarest.

**MOTION** made by Adrienne Forrest to approve the April 3, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as amended; **SECONDED** by Adrienne Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** K. Tucker, R. Helmecki, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

### **Inland Wetlands Report**

No report.

### **Correspondence and Invoices**

Bill in the amount of \$480 from Windmill Hill Farm dated April 28, 2014 for 4 hours of work at Viney Hill Brook Park to remove the perk test pipes and clear brush from trail.

**MOTION** made by Pam Bernardini to approve the bill from Windmill Hill Farm in the amount of \$480.00; **SECONDED** by Adrienne Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** K. Tucker, R. Helmecki, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

A letter from Aquarion Water Company with a reminder of the May 7, 2014 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards deadline and encouraging the Conservation Commission to consider nominating a business, large or small that has contributed to the improvement of our environment through the protection, conservation, restoration or stewardship of Connecticut's natural resources. The awards will be distributed on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Beardsley Zoo,

The Habitat; A newsletter of the CT Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission, (CACIWC) Spring 2014

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Adrienne Forrest to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Essex Town Hall, Room B – second floor, 29 West Avenue, 7:30 p.m.: **SECONDED** by Richard Helmecki; **Voting In Favor:** K. Tucker, R. Helmecki, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary