

TOWN OF ESSEX
Conservation Commission

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Richard Helmecki, Member
Pam Bernardini, Member
Adrienne Forrest, Member
Vacancy

Unapproved

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 3, 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 July 3, 2014 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall.

Attending Members

Adrienne Forrest
Pam Bernardini
Jeffrey Lovelace

Absent Members

Kay Tucker
Rich Helmecki

Mr. Lovelace called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Old Business

a. Fiscal Year End Projects and Expenditures

Payment of the following invoices previously authorized by Kay Tucker, Chair:

1. \$1112.50 to All Habitat (\$125 and \$450 for phragmites eradication, \$400 for Knotweed eradication and 137.40 for DEEP permit)
2. \$607.50 to Windmill Farms for mowing

b. Trail Reports

Viney Hill Brook Park

Mr. Lovelace stated that he recently walked the park in its entirety and Mr. Lovelace observed that the White trail is in immediate need of weed whacking.

Mr. Lovelace reported that all of the trails will be mowed by mid-July.

Mr. Lovelace reported that there is a good deal of water at the junction of Broadwalk and Quarry Pond. Mr. Lovelace stated that the Commission will further discuss this issue at the August 2014 Conservation Commission meeting.

Mr. Lovelace reported that signage has been installed which indicates that the area has been treated with insecticide on June 6, 2014.

Bushy Hill Preserve

Ms. Forrest visited the Preserve and she stated that the trails, etc. look to be in good shape.

Canfield Meadow Woods

No report.

c. Other

No other business.

New Business

a. Report from Zoning Enforcement Officer on Clear Cutting

No discussion.

d. Other

Ms. Forrest stated that she will pursue attempts to speak to Mark Pendergrast regarding the Eagle Scouts participation in the construction of the kiosks.

Review and Approve June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The following changes were suggested:

Page 2 under Other: "...students at Valley Regional High School have *not volunteered their time on behalf of the Conservation Commission but have volunteered and worked with the Essex Land Trust on projects.*"

Page 3, third paragraph under Other: "Mr. Lovelace stated that the State of Connecticut will *commit* 3 million dollars and the Town of Old Saybrook will *appropriate through a bond issue*, 3 million dollars with a balance remaining due of 2 million dollars due toward the purchase of this property."

MOTION made by A. Forrest to approve the May 1, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as presented; **SECONDED** by P. Bernardini; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, A. Forrest, P. Bernardini; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Inland Wetlands Report

No report.

Correspondence and Invoices

No correspondence

Invoices:

- Bill from All Habitat for \$1112.50
- Bill from Windmill Farms for \$607.50

Adjournment

MOTION made by A. Forrest to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at the Essex Town Hall, Room B – second floor, 29 West Avenue, 7:30 pm: **SECONDED** by P. Bernardini; **Voting In Favor:** A. Forrest, P. Bernardini, J. Lovelace; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary