

TOWN OF ESSEX
Conservation Commission

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Pam Bernardini, Member
Adrienne Forrest, Member*

Unapproved

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, 29 West Avenue
Second Floor Conference Room B

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted their regular meeting on April 4, 2013 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall.

Attending Members

Richard Helmecki, Regular Member
Pam Bernardini, Regular Member
Doug Demarest, Regular Member
Adrienne Forrest, Regular Member

Absent Members

Kay Tucker, Chair
Jeffrey Lovelace, Vice Chair

Attending Staff:

Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary.

Richard Helmecki, Chair Pro Temp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Review and Approve the March 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Rich Helmecki to approve the March 7, 2013 Minutes as presented:

SECONDED by Doug Demarest; **Voting In Favor:** P. Bernardini, R. Helmecki, D. Demarest; A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

2. Old Business

A. Trail Reports and Maintenance

- **Viney Hill Brook Park Report; mowing, trail maintenance & All Habitat Service Proposals**

Mr. Helmecki stated that there was no report on mowing at this time. Ms. Tucker will update members at the May 2, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting.

Mr. Helmecki commented on the All Habitat Services Tick Management Handbook which is Ms. Tucker forwarded to members for review. The handbook is an integrated guide for homeowners, pest control operators, and public health officials for the prevention of tick-associated disease as prepared by Kirby C. Stafford III, Ph.D. Vice Director, Chief Entomologist -Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven.

Mr. Helmecki stated that All Habitat proposes two applications for tick management; the first at a which will be applied in the spring for a total of \$875 which comes out of the 2012/13 budget and the second is a follow-up application in the amount of \$700 which will come out of the 2013/14 fiscal budget.

MOTION made by Adrienne Forrest to approve the granular application for tick eradication treatment at Viney Hill Brook Park as proposed by All Habitat Services: **SECONDED** by Pam Bernardini; **Voting In Favor:** P. Bernardini, R. Helmecki, D. Demarest, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Discussion: Mr. Helmecki stated that this may be a crucial time to act on the treatment for eradication of ticks, however there was some confusion on the cost of this service as related to the proposals put forward by All Habitat.

MOTION made by Doug Demarest to table the approval of the All Habitat proposal for the granular application for tick eradication treatment at Viney Hill Brook Park: **SECONDED** by Adrienne Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** P. Bernardini, R. Helmecki, D. Demarest, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Mr. Helmecki stated that he purchased an Echo chain saw in the amount of \$299.99 which he utilized in clearing the white trail at Viney Hill Brook Park. Mrs. Helmecki assisted with the clean-up.

- **Canfield Meadow Woods Report Trail Inspection March 24, 2013**

Adrienne Forrest, Kay Tucker, Rich Helmecki, Bob Nessbaum and Dana Hill walked the trails and Ms. Forrest stated that the trails were in good shape.

Mr. Helmecki stated that there were loose dogs on the trail.

- **Bushy Hill Preserve Report - No report.**

Mr. Helmecki stated that the Essex Land Trust purchased six acres of property off of Toby Hill Road which is in the area of East Pond Meadow Road.

- **Boy Scout Clean-up**

Mr. Demarest stated that he received a call from a Boy Scout leader who would like to assist with the maintenance of the trails and bridge repair.

Mr. Helmecki stated that there is an area in the vicinity of the power lines near the Lee Company where there is quite a bit of trash and debris. Mr. Helmecki suggested that the Boy Scouts might want to look into the clean-up of that area.

B. Other

Mr. Helmecki stated that he has contacted the company who made the Essex Conservation Commission caps and order one dozen hats at a cost of \$13 each, for a total of \$159.00

3. New Business

No new business.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence.

5. Adjournment

MOTION made by Doug Demarest to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Essex Town Hall, Room B – second floor, 29 West Avenue, 7:30 p.m.: **SECONDED** by Adrienne Forrest; **Voting In Favor:** P. Bernardini, R. Helmecki, D. Demarest; A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary