



TOWN OF ESSEX
Conservation Commission

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*Kathleen Tucker, Chairman
Jeffrey Lovelace, Vice Chairman
Frank Hall, Secretary*

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*Richard Helmecki
Adrienne Forrest
Mark J. Reeves
Jim O'Brien*

Alternate Member

(2) Vacancies

Unapproved

**Minutes Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.**

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall.

Attending Members

Richard Helmecki
Frank Hall
Adrienne Forrest
Jim O'Brien
Mark Reeves

Absent Members

Kay Tucker
Jeffrey Lovelace

Staff: Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

Audience: There were no audience members.

1. Call to Order

R Helmecki called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Seated for the meeting were, F Hall, R Helmecki, A Forrest, J O'Brien, M Reeves.

2. Review and Approve the April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by M Reeves to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented: **SECONDED** by J O'Brien; **Voting in Favor:** F Hall, R Helmecki, A Forrest, J O'Brien, M Reeves; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Old Business

a. Vote to approve Conservation Commission Bylaws Amendment

F Hall stated that the bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the entire voting membership only after the proposed change has been read and discussed at a prior meeting. The entire voting Commission membership was not in attendance at this evening's meeting therefore there was no vote on the Bylaws Amendment.

MOTION made by F Hall to table discussion on Conservation Commission Bylaws Amendment; **SECONDED** by M Reeves; **Voting in Favor:** F Hall, R Helmecki, A Forrest, J O'Brien, M Reeves; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

b. Trail Reports:

Report from Viney Hill Brook Park Work Party

R Helmecki reported that he was at Viney Hill Brook Park on April 18th and he cut down and cleaned up an area and treated the Autumn Olive stumps with Roundup.

Current Conditions at Viney Hill Brook Park

F Hall stated that he walked around Quarry Pond, checked exclusion fences and the water was flowing. F Hall noted that the walkway to the west of the Scout Bridge was dry. There is a small branch on east side of the trail that needs to be cut.

M Reeves will draft a sketch of cross-section of French drain, etc., for intersection of Broadwalk and Quarry Pond trails and present at the June 14th Conservation Commission meeting. Members will review and the plan which will then go to Bob Doane, P.E. for final review prior to presentation to the Essex IWWC.

Canfield Meadow Woods

Jim O'Brien visited Canfield Meadow Woods and he reported that he walked the Orange trail and noted that the trails are in good condition and there is no major work to be done at this time.

Bushy Hill Preserve

R Helmecki reported that he walked Bushy Hill Preserve and noted that the trails look good.

R Helmecki stated that Clark's Custom Services conducted the second cutting of the big field, however they did not cut all the way back.

c. Update from Beaver Solutions

F Hall reported that he had an email (Add- conversation) with Mike Callahan, Beaver Solutions and M Callahan will be in Essex on May 17th, scheduled to arrive between 2-3:00 p.m. to inspect exclusion fences and pond leveler pipes at Quarry Pond and off of Cedar Terrace ext.

d. Update from All Habitat

A Forrest reported that All Habitat will inspect and apply larvicide treatment for mosquitos in bushy Hill Preserve next week. Also, chemical control of Phragmites and Knotweed with permitting will occur in Viney Hill Brook Preserve.

e. Discuss Map Inventories and Need to Replenish Supplies

Discussion tabled.

f. Other

R Helmecki asked to have Jim Denham, Essex Land Trust placed on the June 14, 2018 Agenda.

There was no other business.

June 13, 2018 Conference and annual meeting of CTRCV Rural Lands, Rural Towns conference was announced.

5. New Business

a. Financial Report

Discussion tabled.

6. Inland Wetlands Liaison Report

No report.

7. Adjournment

MOTION made by M Reeves to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm until the June 14, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30pm, Essex Town Hall, Conference Room B, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT; **SECONDED** by J O'Brien; **Voting in Favor:** F Hall, R Helmecki, A Forrest, J O'Brien, M Reeves; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin