



TOWN OF ESSEX
Conservation Commission

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Roger Field
Vacancy

Record of the Vote - Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall. Attending members were Kay Tucker, Jeffrey Lovelace, Frank Hall, Jim O'Brien, Adrienne Forrest, Mark Reeves, Roger Field seated for R Helmecki.

MOTION made by J O'Brien to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting with the following amendment: 1) Page 2, under Financial Report, 2nd paragraph to read: "projected expenditures as discussed show the Commission may not have enough funds to cover other needs" 2) Page 3, under Bushy Hill Preserve, 2nd paragraph, correct the spelling of "Mugwort"; 3) Page 2, under 4a, second sentence "it was suggested that we *try to keep* the Japanese Knotweed under control"; 4) Page 2, second paragraph, second sentence to read: "Regarding the road abutting Viney Hill Brook Park that runs out along the Eversource Power lines, Frank Hall stated"; 5) Page 3, Under Canfield Meadow Woods Preserve, first sentence, capitalize "Meadow"; **SECONDED** by R Field; **Voting in Favor:** K Tucker, R Field, J O'Brien A Forrest, M Reeves J Lovelace F Hall; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

MOTION made by F Hall to approve the budget for fiscal year 2019/2020 as presented; **SECONDED** by M Reeves; **Voting in Favor:** K Tucker, R Field, J O'Brien A Forrest, M Reeves J Lovelace F Hall; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

Discussion: It was noted that the Commission has reduced the 2019/20 fiscal budget request by \$595 from the 2018/19 fiscal year budget. It was suggested to request additional funding for fiscal year 2019/2020 which is based on the Commission's 2018/2019 expenditures, factoring inflation, increased maintenance fees and the additional funds that are needed to maintain the beavers. F Hall withdrew the Motion to approve the presented budget for fiscal year 2019/2020.

MOTION made by F Hall to approve the proposed and amended budget for fiscal year 2019/2020 as presented; **SECONDED** by J O'Brien; **Voting in Favor:** K Tucker, R Field, J O'Brien A Forrest, M Reeves J Lovelace F Hall; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

MOTION made by M Reeves to authorize J Lovelace to conclude the Viney Hill Brook Preserve map work with the Essex Land Trust as per the comments on the table this evening; **SECONDED** by F Hall; **Voting in Favor:** K Tucker, R Field, J O'Brien A Forrest, M Reeves J Lovelace F Hall; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

MOTION made by A Forrest to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM until the March 14, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30pm, Essex Town Hall, Conference Room B, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT; **SECONDED** by J Lovelace; **Voting in Favor:** K Tucker, R Field, J O'Brien A Forrest, M Reeves J Lovelace F Hall; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Clerk