

Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting April 14, 2016

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, David Gessner, Rory Lincoln, Bill Jewell, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Marli Rabinowitz, Bevan Quinn, Susan James, Gabby Cuiffreda

Meeting called to order at 5:05

Adjustment to agenda: Update of the Action Steps/To Do list

Confirmation of membership and terms, also election of officers.

Minutes from February 18, 2016 accepted.

Action Steps List:

- Gabby needs to send David Gessner the lists of possible trail workers (David will remind her).
- Susan James needs to send us all the list of possible funding sources for the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI).

Chair: Linda Hecker

Vice- Chair Bill Jewell

Clerk Karen Murphy

Commission members' terms are listed on the town web site.

Report on the Joint CCs in Putney on March 31:

- Our attending members reported on our ongoing work.
- Brian Young described the ash tree inventory in Putney using a phone app.
- Other towns are working on trails.
- The Halifax Conservation Group is fighting the quarry development.

Weeks Forest Trail Update

Five members met in March to finalize the waypoints descriptions and trail rules. David G worked with the 6th graders using the WRC's measuring wheel to plot out distances between waypoints. Jeff Nugent added the measurements to the map. Linda L will be completing the trail guide.

Ground work needed to be done:

- Parking areas
- Benches
- Stream crossing
- Posts for signs

We discussed the possibilities for increasing the parking area to accommodate to 3 or 4 cars.

Work meeting scheduled for April 30th from 9-12. Work includes cleaning the trail, moving the cut logs from last fall to the Anthonys, rebuild the stream crossing and laying large rock bridge over it, install benches, install posts for signage, and fixing the waterfall section.

We are planning a grand opening at the July 2nd festivities which echoes the Mineral Springs opening on July 4, 1869. Details will be worked out at the next two meetings.

The planned presentation on conserving lands has been postponed until the fall.

The next walk is July 2nd on the Weeks Forest Trail.

The next walk following July 2nd is tentatively set for the Borkowski Road to Sweet Pond on the newly classified town trail.

The next regular meeting is May 19 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murphy
Clerk
Guilford Conservation Commission