

Guilford Conservation Commission meeting December 15, 2016

Attending: Linda Hecker, Marli Rabinowitz, Rory Lincoln, Bevan Quinn, Susan James, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Linda Lembke, Bill Jewell, Gabby Cuiffreda

Meeting called to order at 5:10.

Minutes from October and November accepted.

Recap of prior items:

Bob Engel will lead a walk on the Sweet Pond/Borkowski road in the spring. SE Audubon will co-sponsor this event.

Rory agreed to do site maintenance and invasive plant removal near the Carriage Trail with an emphasis on Japanese Knotweed. The NEFF will be contacted to see if they have funds to cover the work. If not, payment will come from our budget.

Marli has agreed to be our rep to post items on the new town online calendar (sponsored by the Planning Commission).

Juniper Kozlowski (Antioch grad student) was not able to make the meeting, but will be invited to come in January. She is interested in doing a wetlands project.

We had a brief review of the November Joint Conservation Commissions and other conservation groups in the area.

Natural Resources Inventory update:

Unfortunately, we, again, were not the recipients of this round of Municipal Planning Grants.

There were many groups requesting money for projects and very little funding available.

We will focus on doing the inventory in steps starting with wetlands, including streams, ponds, and vernal pools. One possible plan is to apply for a Watershed Council grant. We are also hoping that Juniper Kozlowski will be willing to do her course work in Guilford.

We will also ask Patti Smith to our February meeting to discuss working incrementally on our project. She has some ideas for possible funding sources.

The commission will be asking the town for \$2000 for the next fiscal year to help with the inventory fund and supporting our previous work with plant invasives.

Several names were put forward to complete the number of commissioners as David Gessner resigned in November.

We will be having a more extensive look at the now defunct Trail Committee in January.

The next walk is planned for January 8 at 10AM, meeting at David and Leah Gessner's home.

In other business Marli talked about a family succession planning workshop that we might be interested in hosting.

The next meeting is January 19 at 5 PM in the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Murphy  
Clerk  
Guilford Conservation Commission