

Conservation Commission
Jan. 21, 2016 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jason Morrill, Lauren Miller, Julie Pearlman, Frank DeLeo, Tim Kelley and staff Betsy Yagla

Not in attendance: Robyn Berke, Tom Kenefick, Board of Selectman liaison Joseph Dey

1. Chair Jason Morrill called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
3. Minutes: Julie Pearlman made a motion to approve the Dec. 17 2015 minutes as written. Frank DeLeo seconded. All in favor.
4. The Commission discussed the Trail Walk schedule for 2016.
In March F. DeLeo will lead a walk at the Elderslie Preserve
In April Tim Kelley will lead a walk
In May J. Pearlman will lead a walk at Alice Newton
In June J. Morrill reported that the Conservation Commission may team up again the Orange for a walk at the Racebrook Tract
July, August and September are open
In October J. Morrill will lead a walk at Massaro Community Farm
In November Lauren Miller will lead a walk
5. CT DEEP OSWA grant for 1875 Litchfield Tpke: J. Morrill reported that he had completed the majority of the grant application and that L. Miller had made a few suggested edits.

Remaining work includes receiving the appraisals; completing a letter of intent to sell (or purchase and sale agreement) and deed. J. Pearlman offered to help with the deed. F.DeLeo and J. Morrill reported that they are requesting letters of support from various organizations.
6. 2003 Open Space Plan
J. Morrill reported that his goal is to turn the current PDF copy of the 2003 Open Space Plan into an editable document.

L. Miller offered to help proof the document after the format has been changed.

Following that, J. Morrill asked that the Commission divide up the work of looking at the Plan's lists of properties and updating the lists by comparing it to the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development.

7. Chairman's Report: J. Morrill reported that Robyn Berke notified him that she is resigning from the Commission due to her recent appointment to the Amity Regional Board of Education.

J. Morrill also reported that he has been working with the Town Building Official Terry Gilbertson and Town Engineer Bob Criscuolo to map the trail along 31 Enoch Drive. There is currently no right of way for the trail that is used. The official right of way goes through the abutting property owner's front yard.

Betsy Yagla reported that the SCRCOG Regional Trail Map updating project is moving forward and she requested trail photos to be included in the brochures.

B. Yagla also reported that the Town is attempting to organize an Earth Day event on April 23 and will update the Commission as plans progress.

8. J. Morrill made a motion to adjourn. T. Kelley seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.