

Conservation Commission

May 19, 2016

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jason Morrill, Traci Cipriano, Frank DeLeo, Tim Kelley, Julie Perlman, Lauren Miller and staff Betsy Yagla.

Tom Kenefick joined at 7:45 p.m.

Unavailable: Board of Selectmen liaison Joe Dey

At 7:35 p.m. Chairman Jason Morrill called the meeting to order.

1. There were no public comments.
2. February 2016 minutes: Mr. Morrill motioned to approve the minutes; Tim Kelley seconded. All in favor. Traci Cipriano and Frank DeLeo abstained.
3. March 2016 minutes: Mr. Kelley motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. DeLeo seconded. All in favor.
4. April minutes: Lauren Miller motioned to approve; Mr. DeLeo seconded. Ms. Perlman, Mr. Morrill and Mr. Kelley abstained.
5. Presentation by Mike Walter, Woodbridge trail master:
Mike Walter was unavailable and Mr. DeLeo spoke on his behalf. Mr. Walter's request was for \$335, not to exceed \$350, to remap and re-blaze the trails at the Bishop Estate to go around Camp Whiting.

Mr. DeLeo explained that \$235 of the request would go to the Regional Water Authority for the remapping and \$100 was for posts, lumber and cement for new signs to accompany the new trail.

Mr. DeLeo moved to grant up to \$350 for the mapping and materials. Mr. Kelley seconded. All in favor.

6. Trail walks update
Mr. Morrill reported that he led the May 7 walk in the rain and only two other people attended.

The next walk will be on June 4 to coincide with Connecticut Trails Day. It will be a joint walk with Orange at the Racebrook Tract at 10 a.m. Jason will lead the walk and will purchase food for the walk.

In July Tom Kenefick will lead a walk on July 9.

In August Mr. DeLeo will lead a walk.

On September 17, Ms. Cipriano will lead a walk.

In October Mr. Morrill will lead a walk.

In November, Ms. Miller will lead a walk.

7. 2016 Open Space Plan revisions:

The Commission discussed the draft plan and the possibility of adding classifications of land as defined by the Commission and CUPOP, and the Commission will work to define the list of large parcels.

8. Chairman's report:

Mr. Morrill explained that UI is conducting tree trimming in town.

He mentioned a "notable trees" volunteer project by Paul DeKoster.

He mentioned that the Land Trust and the Parks Association are also interested in using QR codes and that it would be best if the three groups coordinated.

At 9:08 p.m. Mr. Morrill motioned to adjourn. Mr. DeLeo seconded. All in favor.