

Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 20, 2016

In attendance: Jason Morrill, Tom Kenefick, Traci Cipriano, Lauren Miller, Julie Pearlman, Frank DeLeo.

Jason Morrill called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. There was no public comment.
2. Frank DeLeo made a motion to accept the July 21 2016 minutes as written. Lauren Miller seconded. Tom Kenefick abstained. All in favor; the motion passed.
3. Tom Kenefick made a motion to accept the September 15, 2016 minutes as written. Julie Pearlman seconded. Tom Kenefick abstained. All in favor; the motion passed.
4. The commission discussed the trial walk schedule.  
Jason Morrill reported that he led the walk during the Massaro Farm Family Fun Day and that there were only three attendees of the walk. Despite the low attendance, he reported that he felt it was important to continue hosting the walks to encourage the public to use the Town trails.

On November 5 at 9 a.m., Lauren Miller will lead a walk at the Bishop West trail.

On December 17, Tom Kenefick will lead a walk from the Fitzgerald Tract to North Pease.

In January, Frank DeLeo will lead a walk, weather permitting.

5. The commission discussed the DEEP Open Space Watershed Acquisition grant.  
Jason Morrill reminded the commission that the Town filled out, but did not submit, this grant last year for the purchase of 1875 Litchfield Turnpike. The property owners and the Town could not come to an agreement on price in time to meet the grant deadline. This property is listed in the Town's Open Space plan.

The commission discussed the possibility of pursuing the grant for other properties.

Frank DeLeo made a motion to move forward with the discussion with the Nugent family regarding the possible acquisition of the property at 1875 Litchfield Turnpike with the assistance of the DEEP OSWA grant.

Tom Kenefick seconded. All in favor.

6. The commission discussed the Open Space Plan revisions.

The commission discussed scheduling a special joint meeting with the Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Properties in order to discuss the designation of land for the inclusion in the Open Space Plan.

7. Chairman's Report: Jason Morrill explained that the Conservation Commission is a member of CACIWIC and the annual fee is \$60, paid for by the Commission.

Jason Morrill made a motion to continue the membership and pay the annual dues of \$60. Lauren Miller seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

Jason Morrill updated the commission that at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting it was announced that the Redan Reserve proposal for the Country Club of Woodbridge has been withdrawn and that the contract with Billy Casper Golf is ending at the end of the calendar year, leaving the option of turning the property into open space.

Tom Kenefick made a motion to adjourn. Frank DeLeo seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.