



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
10 MAPLE AVENUE
BEACON FALLS, CT06403**

**MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2017**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ruth Burritt called the meeting to order at **6:34 pm.**

Commissioners Present: Ruth Burritt, Bill Burritt, Rich Minnick, Ashleigh Doherty, Sophie Zyla,

Commissioners Absent: Tonya Gutierro, Michael Opuszynski

2. Announcements

There will be an “Invasive Weed Control” session Saturday 08/12/2017 in New London to discuss, among other things, mug wort & Japanese knotweed.

3. Comments from the Public

Linda Jasinski, Commission supporter and volunteer attended tonight’s meeting. Among other subjects discussed was perhaps posting info at Town parks offering information on trash decomposition. Also discussed was the increasing amount of beer bottles, condoms, and syringes littering the town parks on a regular basis.

4. Approval of Minutes

R. Minnick moved to accept the minutes of July 11, 2017. Seconded by A. Doherty. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

5. Correspondence

1. Information re: “Wild Ones” talk on invasive plants in New London on August 12, 2017.

6. Old Business

1. Flashlight invoice compensation for A. Doherty
2. R. Minnick’s email to Town Officials re: truck traffic and materials handling.

7. New Business

1. R. Burritt reports she witnessed a person driving a large number of golf balls into Toby's Pond.
2. Site improvement at Lantern Ridge Park discussed. Trail markings, gravel walkway work and signage among items brought up.
3. Possible rebuilding and/or moving bird houses at Toby's Landing.
4. Membership dues for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (Southwest Conservation District) discussed. Agreed by all that the Conservation Commission would pay \$500.00 of the Town's total bill of \$1500.00.

R. Minnick moved to pay the \$500.00 portion of the municipal bill. Seconded by A. Doherty. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

5. R. Minnick updated the Commission regarding the Boy Scouts assistance on site improvements at Lantern Ridge Park.

The Commission, after a brief discussion unanimously agreed to table the recently created opening for Vice Chairman till next meeting.

8. Petition of Commissioners

1. All Commissioners voiced serious concerns regarding criminal activity in the various town parks after hours. R. Burritt suggested working with other land use boards and commissions to alleviate the problems.
2. R. Minnick reminded the Commission that the Girl Scouts, among other civic groups often receive awards, acknowledgements, etc. for assisting organizations such as the Conservation Commission and the Commission should look into this possibility.
3. Informational brochure about Town parks, hours, rules/regulations, wildlife, etc. available at town parks.
4. Historical marker at Riverbend Park.

9. Payment of Invoices

1. **A. Doherty moved to pay the Clerk's invoice, seconded by S. Zyla. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.**
2. See item #7 – 4 above. (Minnick/\$500.00 SW Conserv. Dist.)

10. Adjournment

The next Conservation Commission regular monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the Beacon Falls Senior Center, 57 North Main Street.

With no other business **R. Minnick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Seconded by B. Burritt. All in Favor, motion passes 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk

CC:Conservation Comm.