

Town of East Windsor Conservation Commission
Minutes for 06-22-17

In attendance Albert Grant, Frances Neill, Kirk Monstream

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MEETING HELD IN TREASURER'S OFFICE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of February 23, 2017 approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Follow-up on previous evaluations of farm properties over and under 30 acres. We went over the responses from the land owner contact letters again. Two owners who had expressed interest in their land staying agricultural were contacted and given information. We are waiting to hear back from them.
2. Discussion of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) water quality initiative. NRCS is targeting Broad Brook to mitigate runoff. If landowners on the brook want to do runoff mitigation projects, NRCS has funds available to offset costs. Kirk proposed that we try to put a conservation promoting kiosk up at Mill Pond through NRCS. Albert will contact them to see if they are interested in helping with funding and/or content.
3. Funding for conservation and agricultural easements. We discussed how to get the word about conservation efforts and needs out. We thought that we could use social media to more aggressively market the idea of conserving land for open space and agriculture. We could also use this as a vehicle for building up the open space fund, either through direct contribution or to promote the idea for the town to bond for the money in a future referendum. If we spend the money that is currently in the open space fund we need a way to rebuild the fund. We will contact Laurie Whitten regarding how to go about this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of Riverbed property regarding State of CT. The offer from the town is being revised to include language so that the town will have access to the river.
2. Status of the Hamm property. They want to sell the development rights to the property. South Windsor has qualified for the program and wants a letter from the First Selectman of East Windsor in support.
3. 250th Town Anniversary. No discussion

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Frances Neill