

Approved: February 6, 2014

NEW CASTLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jan 7, 2014, 4:00 PM

Members Present: Nancy Gulley, Lynn McCarthy, Brian Mack, Bill Marshall*

Members Not Present: Bill Stewart, Beth Hume, Curt Gillespie, Jim Rini, Sharon Houston

*arrived at approximately 4:30 pm

Approve December minutes

Members present discussed and approved the December 2013 minutes as written.

Wetlands applications/Reviews

Old Business

1. Budget – members present briefly reviewed the budget and had no additional comments. Members presented approved the budget as presented.
2. Fertilizer Ordinance status

Lynn McCarthy reported that the fertilizer ordinance is waiting to go to public hearing.

3. Homeowner's Guide – Sharon Houston will be seeking a quote for printing of the "Homeowner's Guide" and present those to the members in February.
4. Islander –article about composting for next issue – other ideas

Beth Hume volunteered to write an article regarding reducing the amount of bottled water consumed and purchased. She also volunteered to write an article on encouraging drivers to not leave their cars idling or an article on the decreasing number of monarch butterflies. The members encouraged Ms. Hume to write an article on the monarch butterflies.

5. Conservation plan – the members reviewed comments made at the December meeting by Tracy Degan regarding her report on High Value Resources.

Ms. Gulley suggested having the culverts in New Castle cleaned out on a regular basis as a method to remove incoming fresh water to the marshes. Brian Mack will check with Town staff to see if it is possible to begin this practice again.

6. Identify possible projects for grant opportunities and funding possibilities – this item will be discussed at the February meeting.
7. Membership – the members present noted that potential members should be invited to attend the next NCCC meeting and encouraged Chair Stewart to invite Maggie Kennedy to attend the February 2014 meeting.

New Business – none discussed at this meeting.

Announcements – none discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn

The January 7, 2014 meeting of the New Castle Conservation Commission adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Lucius, Secretary to the New Castle Conservation Commission