



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes

June 26, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

Newtown Municipal Center, Meeting Room #3
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

In attendance: Commissioners Marj Cramer, Adria Henderson,
Michele McLeod and Mary Wilson
Called to order at 7:10 PM

Public Participation : No members of the public were present

Correspondence: No new updates

Approval of Minutes of 6/12/2012: Motion was made by Marj Cramer and seconded by Adria Henderson to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Administrative Items: No new updates

Old Business and Action Items:

Fairfield Hills Open Space:

- a. Barberry Removal: the quote submitted by Holmes for about \$20,000 to remove barberry at the FFH campus was approved at the BoS meeting on June 18. The project is going out for bid so implementation will be delayed until that process is completed.
- b. Mad Dash: To date there has been no remediation of the effects of this event at several sites on the campus. Mary Wilson will email Rob Sibley and George Benson about this. The process of how events at FFH are developed and approved is being reviewed by George Benson.
- c. Marj Cramer suggested that two kiosks be built to be placed at either end of the trail at FFH to explain the barberry removal project. A motion was made by Marj Cramer and seconded by Michele McLeod to support the kiosk(s). Motion was passed. Marj will coordinate with Rob Sibley.

High Meadow Follow-Up: No new updates

Work Orders: No new updates

Open Space 37-3-14 : No new updates

Use of High School volunteers: No new updates

NRI : No new updates

Committee/Staff Reports

Trail Building Sub-committee: The P & R Trails Committee had returned our draft document for trail building guidance. However, the approval sheet was missing. Will follow up with Mary Kaley.

Forest Evaluation: No new updates

OS Inventory and Maintenance Progress: No new updates

Property Marking Plans, Surveying Status: No new updates

Conservation Easement on WWTP-P&R: No new updates

Status of Halfway River fishing access: No new updates

Iroquois invasive documentation: No new updates

Education Sub-Committee

Pole Bridge Pamphlet: No new updates

BB Banner and other AV materials: The Barberry/tick banner has been repaired and can be picked up soon. Ideas for where it might be displayed: ETH, municipal center, up at FFH near the trail. There was discussion about where to use other materials such as the fliers and the big signs.

Invasives Sub-committee

MileAMinute Update: Ann Astarita walked several properties with invasive specialists from the state. It was decided to postpone any MAM removal for a while to again assess the weevils.

Letters to Homeowners: Marj Cramer had written a draft letter to large landowners in town to request that they be aware of any invasives on their property and develop a plan to reduce such invasives. The wording for this letter was finalized.

AI's Trail: No new updates

New Business: No new business

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 PM by Adria Henderson, seconded by Michele McLeod. Motion carried.