

**NORTH STONINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 26, 2016 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

*Mission: For the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural and historic resources, including water resources, within its territorial limits. (adopted September 2007)*

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Bill Ricker, Arnie Vlieks, Doug Farrand, Steve Colgan, Tony Rose  
Regrets: Mike Charnetski,

Review of April minutes (sent via e-mail): accepted as written

Citizen Comments - none

Ongoing Business:

- Stewart Hill Preserve Trail -
  - No response yet from DEEP on trail spur permission
  - Need to get The Day to cover – email sent to Nate Lynch – photographer requested.
  - A few more downed trees need to be cut. Arnie indicated that better markers are needed in 1 area. Spur to Narragansett blue trail is needed – not far ~150 to 200 yards and should be easy to cut (note – horses may not be allowed). DEEP needs to get back to us before we start (will be a 2-3 month wait total).
- Letter to WPCA on sewer issues sent – no response. It looks like the commissioner (Brad Courier) is missing – hasn't been seen in a while.
- Letter to MPTN Natural Resources Committee on trail access– they still haven't met. Recent meeting was cancelled (3 years since they have met).
- Wyassup Lake Road CE's: Parcel #8101 and #1857 folders – still waiting. Nita Kincaid needs to finish the folders 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Notable Tree progress
  - Need for help with additional measurements. Next scheduled morning for tree measuring:  
Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9am – Bill & Tony
  - E-mailed Madeline Jeffrey as she/they had done some earlier identification
  - A White Oak descendent of the Connecticut Charter Oak was planted across the stream in the town green in the spring of 1976.
- Chester Maine Bridle Trail progress.
  - Letters to homeowners who had e.g. wood or vehicles on town property (33' open space) were notified individually by US mail and told to move the material within 120 days. The letter was signed by Tom Zanarini, Senior Planner.
  - A letter to Mr. Jim Drakos (Pickwick farm LLC) was drafted by Bill and reviewed. Several suggestions for improvement were made. Bill to modify the letter and send it out.
  - Part of the lower trail was cleared on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Signs were nailed to trees – but more needs to be done. Arnie to take a look and see if it is a viable trail for horses. Anyway – it will be fine for hikers so the CC decided to work to complete the trail.
  - Next work day scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – park at bottom of trail.

New Business:

- Drako's draft letter – reviewed – see above. – Bill to send
- June meeting to be cancelled – but work can be continued on trail and/or notable trees.

Correspondence: none

Adjourn: 7:32 pm

Next meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> (WWI began, 1914)

Steve Colgan, Secretary