

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
November 17, 2016 @ 6:00pm  
Regular Meeting, "Workshop"  
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 at 6:00pm.

Present: Doug Farrand & Bill Ricker (no quorum)

Citizen Comments: None

Due to a host of reasons drawing commissioners away, the meeting was a "workshop" and primarily to communicate monthly activities since our October meeting.

Ongoing Business:

- Stewart Hill Preserve – Arnie & Bill placed the signage agreed upon with DEEP and added additional blazing to both our trail and the spur. Mark Darin will hike it again before approval.
- The binder for parcel #8101 and adjoining parcel #1857 is completed and will be added to the other CE folders in the Town Hall vault.
- First Selectman has not yet found the Fire Fly Farm folder so we may develop a similar binder.
- Arnie & Bill measured another 5 trees and now need to weed out those that don't "measure up" to others of their species.
- Chester Maine Bridle Trail – First Selectman Murphy and Atty. Frank Eppinger met with Jonathan Edwards to review the petition he plans to submit to stop further construction on the trail. When the petition is submitted, it will go to a Town Meeting for a vote. In essence, if all the abutters will purchase the 33' +/- x the width of their lot, they will petition the town to relinquish ownership and pay taxes on their new property. If the towns people do not vote to support the petition, the trail will go forward under town ownership.
- Calendar sales continue steadily with 2/3 sold to date.

New Business:

- As meeting dates need to be in to the Town Clerk this month and as we do not have another meeting till January, we continued the current schedule of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month @ 6:00pm except August and December. Bill will submit list to the Town Clerk.
- Plan of Conservation & Recreation Lands review postponed till January meeting.
- Two e-mails to the BOS on our Commissions position regarding hiking trail development was forwarded to all with positive responses. The BOS plans to discuss at their next meeting, Tuesday November 22 @ 7:00pm **Commissioners are encouraged to attend.**

Adjourned @ 6:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

~Bill Ricker, Secretary *pro tem*

**NEXT MEETING IS January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**