

WEATHERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2019

ATTENDING: Heather Shand, Jeff Pelton, Roy Burton, Harry Temple, Howard Beach, Ellen Clattenburg, Tina Wood and Sven Federow, Landuse Administrator

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes from Oct. 24, were accepted as read, moved by Ellen and seconded by Howard.

MARIE CADUTO PRESENTATION FOLLOW-UP: At our last meeting, Marie Caduto (the basin 10 water coordinator) asked us for names of the streams and water bodies in town which were unknown to her. Jeff handed out copies of the Water Resources map with the named brooks labeled. Other water bodies, such as waterfalls, ponds, and wetlands can be named, too.

To find out if they are named we will need to check with neighboring property owners, old maps and surveys, older residents, the Historical Society, and Regional Planning maps.

There is a protocol to follow for naming bodies of water. This includes checking with: neighboring towns to see if the name is the same or similar; the Agency of Natural Resources with their data base; the U.S. Geologic Maps (usually only major streams are listed).

Any proposed names will have to be accepted by the Agency of Natural Resources and by our town's local boards.

TOWN FOREST: Jeff wrote an article for the Weathersfield Historical Society's Newsletter about the up-coming tenth anniversary of the Town Forest. In it he described its history and future use. He also told us of what has been accomplished at the CC's workday on Oct. 19th: some trails were cleared, a tree was removed from the roof of the cabin, and an old snowmobile bridge was dragged out of a brook where it had fallen.

Sven talked about what needs to happen next in order to facilitate getting an access into the property.

ASSOC. OF CON. COM. MEETING: Heather reported on the Sept. 28th meeting. Liz Thompson was the key note speaker and spoke about how other towns' Con. Com. used their Tiny Grants for everything from invasive plant removal to "Science to Action" maps for educational uses.

Heather had some suggestions for how we could potentially use the Tiny Grant money: signage at the Town Forest, or Ash Borer education. She suggested we all think of possible ways to use it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. NEXT MTG. JAN 23, 2020

location TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Wood