

Weathersfield Conservation Commission

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Weathersfield Center Memorial Grove

Present: Ryan Gumbart, Cheryl Cox, Ellen Clattenburg and **guest** Anna Vogel

Agenda review: Ryan reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for any additions

Minutes: Cheryl Cox moved and Ellen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of May 25, 2023. All voted in favor.

Town Forest:

- The last of the cabin clean up was scheduled for July 15. This date will move, likely to July 22.
- Ellen confessed she had not reached Bibens on the donation of materials for the entrance kiosk.
- Hannah Dallas is still cruising the Town Forest preparatory for her management plan. She commented on the immense number of ticks in the powerline area.

New member packet:

- Ryan started working on this. We should all contribute to it (via a google doc), including what the board is, what the mission statement is, how it works with other boards and regulatory powers (these are very limited for the conservation commission)
- Now all GIS maps are now online. Go to the Town's website → business tab → maps

Waterway Naming Project:

- This was explained to our visitor
- We will start over on this project, going back to the beginning, explaining the request from the state level.
- All blue line streams have already been named, this project will be to clarify (in the case of multiple names) or rename to a more memorable name from a state-assigned letter-number system.

Town Plan:

- We could help identifying historic sites and structures, scenic, rare, and endangered species as well as town zoning map
- When the Planning commission works on the land use map, we should be helping - this is an area of expertise (ie, the above bullet point items)

Weathersfield board updates:

- Ryan reviewed what the Planning Commission and Zoning Board have been working on. He noted that the collaboration of the two boards at the Ascutney PUD meeting was helpful.

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- Collaboration among all the boards would benefit the town – and the individual boards

Parks and Rec:

- The July 8 event has been postponed until next year
- A July 5 meeting of Parks and Rec will be at the schoolhouse. We are urged to attend as a walk from the schoolhouse to the Flood Control area will be on the agenda.

Other areas of focus for the commission

- Assist Steve Aikenhead with Green up day? (Ellen will talk to Steve.)
- Organize walks in town by working with Steve and coming up with our own? (ditto)
- Ellen will try to organize a Crown Point Rd hike as a summer or early fall WCC event

At 8:30, the adjournment of the meeting was moved, seconded and voted on.

Submitted by Ellen Clattenburg, WCC clerk

Our next meeting will be July 27 at 7 pm in Weathersfield Center.