Conservation Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM  

Members Present: Bill McCann, Patricia Bailey, Joanna Wozniak- Brown  
Absent: Lucille Hinkley, Geoff Gwyther, Colette Shulman and John Foley  
Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk  

Call to Order:  
Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.  
Approval of Minutes Tabled until next month  
Correspondence:  
CT Land Conservation Council: October 21 and 22 Regional Summit Meeting  

Old Business  

Natural Resource Inventory Report  
Chair, Wm. McCann suggested the Commission meet in October possibly the 26 or 30th to conduct a workshop to go over updates. Mr. McCann will send out an email to work out the time and date with the rest of the Commission.  

Knotweed Treatment Update  
Chair McCann reported the vinegar solution was applied to the knotweed by a licensed professional and so far seems like it is very successful, according to a photo sent today from First Selectman Cope. The intention is to review the area in the spring and if it is necessary, tarps will be implemented. Happy Acres tenant farmers, Full Circle Farming are currently teaching their goats to eat knotweed, multi-flora rose, and poison ivy. If the area becomes free of knotweed, the Commission discussed planting Indian grass, blue stem, sunflowers, milkweed, aster, and red clover.  

Munch Meadow Milkweed Program -  
Chair McCann met with P&Z Commission and agreed, the mowing would be limited to a pathway lined by a split rail fence and the "meadow" would be returned to what it was intended. The Conservation Commission will begin planting milkweed and various wildflowers to encourage the return of birds and butterflies.  

Happy Acres update  
Chair, McCann reported the tenant farmers are drafting a proposed ordinance to present to the P&Z Commission. The Friends of Happy Acres have met and are in support of the proposal. The Chili cook-off is scheduled to take place October 25th.  

Public Comment- None  

Adjournment  
J. Wozniak-Brown Adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 pm  

Respectfully submitted by:  
Christine Branson, Commission Clerk  
November 16, 2015  
APPROVED AS FINAL November 18, 2016