Conservation Commission
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present: B. McCann, M. LaVia and R. Martin

Absent: P. Bailey, C. Shulman, J. Wozniak-Brown and J. Motsinger

Audience: None

Call to Order: B. McCann Called the Workshop to Order at 7:15pm

Minutes: There were no minutes for approval since the last two meetings were NRI workshops.

Correspondence: None

New Business

Right to Farm-

J. Motsinger was not present to report.

Weed Warriors-

M. LaVia presented a map of Veteran’s field outlining the walking track area and highlighting the areas where there are invasive weed problems. A lengthy discussion followed regarding best practices to reduce this problem. Chair B. McCann stated that there are wetlands in the Northeastern edge so he would like to set up a time to meet with the Land Use Enforcement Officer, R. Cooper to discuss what will have to be done to remove the invasives specifically in these areas. B. McCann stated he will also contact DEEP to see what will be the best treatment so close to the school/ playground area. Discussion followed in regard to holding a “Weed Warrior” event in the spring, before the plants get a head start. R. Martin was tasked to research non-chemical approaches to reducing knotweed. M. LaVia stated once the knotweed has been reduced, a coneflower would be a good native alternative. Discussion followed in reference to setting up a time to walk the property with R. Cooper.

Air Monitoring Update- No report was given.
American Chestnut Program-

Chair B. McCann reported his contact Carl was relocated to the West Coast; he has been in touch with Kendra Collins and Jack Sthal. B. McCann stated he spoke to First Selectman, D. Lowe about possibly allowing some Town land to participate in the Chestnut program in Sherman.

Old Business:

NRI Distribution Plan- No new discussion took place.

Adjournment:

Chair B. McCann Adjourned the Workshop at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

November 14, 2018