Sherman Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Bill McCann, R. Martin, M. LaVia, Patricia Bailey and C. Shulman,

Absent: J. Motsinger

Audience and Invited: None

Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order: Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2019

Approval of these minutes has been Tabled

Correspondence:

CT Land Conservation Council- Annual membership renewal

W. McCann Moved to Approve the expenditure to renew the Annual Membership fees for 2019-20.
Seconded by: C. Shulman

Vote: For: Unanimous

The Habitat- Winter/ Spring 2019 newsletter

New Business:

Soil Based Zoning Research-
C. Shulman presented to the Board 2005 Statewide Classification of Soils report. Upon further research, it seems Kent has adopted these standards and has established five rural classes of soil. Ms. Shulman provided a summary of the discussion from Kent’s ZEO, Donna Hayes. The Town of Washington also uses soil based zoning classification. J. Motsinger was not present, however submitted a summary of a discussion with Washington’s ZEO- Shelly White, reviewing the pros and cons regarding Soil Based Zoning. It was unclear if the classification protects certain soil types or is specific to controlling density for developments. The Board agreed to do more research to determine if this practice is fitting for Sherman. Discussion followed regarding the Board’s desire to explore the possibility of proposing a discussion to P&Z regarding Cluster Zoning.

Chestnut Site Visit-
P. Bailey reported she attended the group tour of the Litchfield Audubon chestnut orchard. There were approximately 560 trees of various ages. W. McCann reported the American Chestnut Program has been re-evaluating their genetic program, using different variables, they may want to put this program on hold until more information is available. Mr. McCann stated he will follow up with the Director for more information.

Old Business:

Air Monitoring Update:
Chair, B. McCann reported he met with the First Selectman, D. Lowe and walked the property around Town Hall to find a location to hang the equipment. This equipment runs on electricity, a wire will need to be installed, and the system will need to be permitted on the Town wifi. Kathy Rettor will need the installation specifications to set up a secured access.
Right to Farm Ordinance-

W. McCann attended the Board of Selectman meeting, only two of the three members were present. Mr. McCann plans on attending the next BoS meeting for possible endorsement and moved for a vote during a Town Meeting.

Public Comment- No one was present to speak.

Adjournment  

P. Bailey Adjourned the Meeting at 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
September 24, 2019
APPROVED AS AMENDED AT THE OCTOBER 9, 2019 RMM