Members Present: Bill McCann, R. Martin, C. Shulman, Patricia Bailey, and J. Motsinger

Absent: M. LaVia

Audience and Invited: None

Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order: Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019

J. Motsinger Moved to Approve the Minutes of April 10, 2019 with Amendments. Seconded by: P. Bailey Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence:

CT Wildlife magazine Spring.

New Business:

Weed Warriors Update:

Chair, B. McCann stated he spoke with M. Josephson regarding Mallory trail and the same side of Mallory Town Hall. There is an abundance of Barberry in this area. W. McCann discussed a preliminary plan with Ms. Josephson (NAROMI) to mitigate invasive species found along the trail and Town Hall. The Commission also discussed replacing these plants with native plants. The consensus was the area is considered “Mixed forest” and replacing plants with native not be necessary.

Old Business:

Right to Farm Ordinance-

Chair, B. McCann stated he plans to present the final draft of the Right to Farm Ordinance at the Board of Selectman’s Meeting with the recommendations made by the State Farm Bureau at the May Meeting. The Commission agreed to this proposal.

Air Monitoring Update:

Mr. McCann stated the air monitoring equipment is presently being calibrated and should be arriving in Sherman very soon. A location has yet to be determined. Mr. McCann stated he will reach out to the First Selectman for his recommendations. The next WCCAA meeting is this Monday.

Chestnut Orchard Visit:

Chair B. McCann reported he received correspondence from Jack Swatt from the American Chestnut Program to him and Cathy Haggadorn from CT Audubon at the Deer Pond Farm stating they have been unsuccessful finding a viable location for a proposed chestnut grove. Discussion took place regarding new technology and introduction of a stronger hybrid. This project may be postponed for the time being.
Next Projects:

The Commission discussed several points of interest for future consideration, members were tasked various research to bring back to the next meeting for input:

- **Soil Based Zoning** - Colette will research the Town of Kent’s resources, John will research the Town of Washington.
- **Greenways**
- **Town Owned Open Space Stewardship Plan**
- **Film presentation: “Seeds”**

Public Comment- No one was present to speak.

Adjournment  

**P. Bailey Moved to Adjourn** the Meeting at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
May 15, 2019