Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present:  Wm. McCann, P. Bailey, J. Wozniak- Brown and M. LaVia
Absent:  Lucille Hinkley, and C. Shulman
Public & Invited:  Clerk, Christine Branson

Call to Order:  Chair Wm. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes:
None

Correspondence:  Habitat- Winter Edition

Response to "Notable Trees" ad:

G. Gwyther- nominated a white oak near his property.

Dr. B. Ronser- nominated a Dawn Redwood on his property.

C. Nunzig- nominated 2 maples in front of her home.

P. Bailey- nominated a red maple on her property.

J. Siegel- nominated a white oak, an Eastern Hemlock and a white Pine all on his property.

Dr. A. Braverman- nominated a Copper Beech.

Commissioner J. Wozniak- Brown joined the meeting at 7:22 pm.

New Business:

Contacting the Town Tree Warden-

The Commission discussed contacting the tree Warden, the number listed on the website is never answered.

Knotweed Update-

The Commission discussed the current status of the knotweed colony located to the East of the school parking lot that they have been working on for three years. It has been sprayed with vinegar for two years and last year treated with glyphosate. It was determined that it is too early to tell if it will come back. The Commission discussed planting coneflower, goldenrod and compass plant in place of the knotweed. Discussion followed regarding purchasing bulk seed for approximately $300.00.

Commissioner B. McCann Moved to purchase bulk seed not to exceed more than $300.00 to plant in the knotweed area next to the school.
Seconded by: P. Bailey  Vote: For: Unanimous
c. **Educational Programs Discussion & Scheduling**

The Commission discussed programs they would like to offer the community this year. Chair, Wm. McCann has reached out to L. Marsicano, Program Director at CLA to see if he would be available this spring to offer an educational event focusing on use of fertilizers and septic systems and the impact on Candlewood Lake. Mr. Marsicano has an interactive model of the lake for children, which shows how the watershed system works. Another program that is of interest is how pesticides impact children's health, which they hope to present during the summer.

**Adjourn:**

*Commissioner P. Bailey Moved* to Adjourn the Meeting to a workshop at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
January 18, 2017