Members Present: W. McCann, P. Bailey, and C. Shulman

Members Absent: J. Wozniak Brown, and M. LaVia

Also: Clerk C. Branson

Audience: R. Martin, and J. Motsinger

Call to Order: Chair B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:08pm

Minutes: Tabled until the January Meeting

Correspondence:

Habitat: Winter edition

Connecticut Land Conservation Council 2017-18 Organizational Membership Application

CT Audubon Bird Atlas Update

New Business:

Connecticut Land Conservation Council 2017-18 Organizational Membership

B. McCann Moved to Approve an expenditure in the amount of $100.00 for a new membership to the 2017-18 Connecticut Land Conservation Council Organizational Membership.

Seconded by: P. Bailey

Vote: For: Unanimous

CACIWC Conference Update:

Commissioners B. McCann, C. Shulman and P. Bailey attended the conferences. The Commission discussed the general increase of coyote populations throughout Connecticut and suggestions on how coyotes can peacefully live within residential communities. Other topics discussed were "Wet Meadows" and "Preparations for a Changing Climate."

Cricket Power Plant Discussion:

P. Bailey discussed the adverse affects to land related to fracking and shared concerns regarding the pipelines that are proposed to run through Sherman to the Cricket Valley Plant. Discussion followed regarding several Connecticut towns that have joined forces to ban fracking within their towns. P. Bailey provided materials for discussion. The Commission agreed to request the BoS begin the process to ask the CT DEEP to provide information regarding the Cricket Valley Plant. Chair B. McCann stated he has reached out to Friends of the Great Swamp to request their support and participation regarding an informational forum to educate the residents of Sherman about Cricket Valley. From the audience, R. Martin stated there are resources online for statistical data over a span of fifteen years showing health impacts related to facilities that are similar to Cricket Valley. The Commission discussed an act through Energize Connecticut called "Clean Energy Communities". Sherman is one of a few towns that have not signed on out of the 160 towns in Connecticut.
Conference for Sustainable Development:

The Commission discussed attending a program scheduled for February 7th at Grace Farms.

NRIR Status Review:

The Commission discussed further edits regarding the update to the Natural Resources Inventory.

Adjourn:

P. Bailey Adjourned the Meeting at 8:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Branson
December 20, 2017

APPROVED AS FINAL AT THE JANUARY 10, 2018 RMM