Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Bill McCann, R. Martin, M. LaVia, C. Shulman,
Absent: Patricia Bailey, J. Motsinger, and J. Wozniak- Brown

Audience and Invited: A. Mace
Also Present: Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order: Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: C. Shulman Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting April 11, 2018 with an amendment: Under Fracking Waste; change "The Commission agreed" to "P. Bailey agreed, as Co-Chair".
Seconed By: M. LaVia Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence: The Habitat-Spring Newsletter

New Business:

Chestnut Orchard Visit:
Chair B. McCann reported he and R. Martin visited a Chestnut orchard located at Rock Cobble Farm in South Kent. This orchard is only the second in the state. There is one acre of Chinese/ American hybridized saplings, currently between 8" and 20" tall. The saplings begin their life in a protective plastic sleeve, each documented with a number and will be tracked for productivity. The acre is fenced off to protect the trees from animals. Nut production begins at about the tree's 10 year mark. The objective of this project is to find out if the Chestnut trees can genetically survive and build resistance to diseases which once killed off the American Chestnut.

Cricket Valley Meeting Resolution Discussion:
Chair McCann opened the discussion by reading into record a draft example of a resolution. The Commission agreed it was lengthy and needed work. R. Martin agreed to work on it to bring it closer to what would suit Sherman. Once the Commission agrees on a final draft, the next step would be to present it to the BoS for endorsement.

Sustainable Connecticut:
The Commission agreed to take a look at the website and at a later meeting determine if it is pertinent to Sherman.

Future Projects and Programs Discussion:
Chair B. McCann distributed a list of ideas for future programs and projects. The Commission will discuss these items over the next several months to determine the projected focus.

Old Business:

NRI Recommendations: The Commission reviewed the final edits to the updates of the NRI

Public Comment- No one was present to speak.

Adjournment P. Bailey Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
May 16, 2018