

Columbia Conservation Commission

Meeting February 4, 2016

Minutes

Present: Ann Dunnack, Paul Ramsey, Chris Tolsdorf, Walt Tabor, Anthony Ortiz

Minutes of November 5, 2016 were approved.

1. Old business

1.1 Conservation Easement monitoring: tabled

1.2 Trail Maintenance: Szegda Farm and Utley Preserve are in good condition.

1.3 Farm Tours: Anthony will work on a tour of Tabor's Farm for September.

1.4 Mono Pond Invasive Aquatic Plants: Ann will question the Board of Selectmen about budgeting continued study of the problem.

2. New Business

2.1 PZC/IWWCC site walks/reviews: none at this time.

2.2 Youth in Conservation: Waiting to hear back from the Girl Scouts concerning their possible interest in collaboration on a Town-wide Trails Game.

2.3 Other Projects: Anthony and Walt expressed interest in a Farmers' Market. Ann will contact Recreation Commission to see if they are offering a Columbia Market again this year. CC/Ag could help by encouraging more participation among farmers.

2.4 Participation in regional conservation districts may be beneficial. Salmon River Watershed Consortium and Eastern CT Conservation District are two possibilities.

2.5 CLCC Annual Conference March 19, 2016 in Middletown: Ann and Paul will attend.

2.6 Election of Officers: Paul nominated Ann Dunnack as chairman, and Tom McGrath as secretary. Chris Tolsdorf seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Dunnack

Received: February 8, 2016

At: 8:03

Attest: *Robert M. Goodale*
Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk