

COLUMBIA CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5, 2013– 7:00 p.m.

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Ann Dunnack, Paul Ramsey, Tom McGrath

Call to Order: A. Dunnack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda: None.

Audience of Citizens

Approval of the November 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes: Minutes were approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS

2. ONGOING BUSINESS:

- 2.1** Farm Building Tax Exemption: Ann Dunnack and Jim Corso are scheduled to meet with the Town Administrator on Friday, December 6, 2013.
- 2.2** Mono Pond Discussion: The Town has received proposals from two companies to chemically treat Mono Pond.
- 2.3** PZC/IWWC Applications & Site Walks: An IWWC site walk is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pucker Street Bridge.
- 2.3** Conservation Easements Monitoring: T. McGrath and A. Dunnack are interested in helping with this. A. Dunnack has contacted the Zoning Official Martha Fraenkel to set this up.
- 2.4** Workshops Update (honey bee, organic gardening and invasive plants): P. Ramsey has arranged for Charlotte Pyle, a Landscape Ecologist from the USDA, to come in May 2014 to speak on invasive plants. Publicity was discussed. Yeomans Hall needs to be booked. The status of the other workshops is unknown. Other ideas under discussion for possible workshops included tracking animals in the snow and orienteering.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4. BOARD COMMENTS:** T. McGrath mentioned that this year is the 20th anniversary of the Mono Pond acquisition. Discussion followed on whether there should be a celebratory event marking this anniversary. Connecticut Trails Day will be held the weekend of June 7 & 8, 2014.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Dunnack