

## Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Regular Meeting Thursday, October 1, 2015

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Members Christopher McGrath, Tom McGrath, Ann Dunnack

Absent: Walt Tabor, Chris Tolsdorf, Anthony Ortiz, Paul Ramsey

Approval of Minutes: 9/3/2015 motion made by Chris McGrath, Tom McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously

Audience of Citizens: none

#### 1. Old Business

##### 1.1 Conservation Easement Monitoring

- Tom and Chris McGrath will try to start doing the easement monitoring again later this year.

##### 1.2 Trail Maintenance

- Ann Dunnack reported Utley Hill trails in good shape
- Tom McGrath reported that the Szegda farm and Island woods trails are good

##### 1.3 Planning projects

- Farm Tours reschedule to Spring – Ivy Coleman on upper pine street possible (Spring lambs), other farmers with Maple Syrup
- Trail – look to develop new trail from town property near Sunrise Hill off route 87 to Szegda Farm, possibly to synagogue road as linear trail on Giffords brook. Look to improve trout stream and parking at plains lot

##### 1.4 Mono Pond Invasive Plants

- Recommend Dr Kortman monitor annually

#### 2. New Business

##### 2.1 PZC/IWWCC site walk/reviews

- No action

##### 2.2. Town Farm Building Tax Exemption

- Motion made by Tom McGrath to Table Indefinitely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris McGrath, Passed unanimously

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McGrath

Received: October 8, 2015  
At: 1:50 PM  
Attest: Maile McGrath  
Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk <sup>Assi</sup> TC