

Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7:00 PM

Adella G. Urban Office Building, Conference Room

Call to Order: 7pm

Approval of Minutes 9/1/2016 Approved unanimously

Audience of Citizens

– attending was Bryan Tarbell from the Columbia Energy Advisory Committee

1. Old Business

1.1 Conservation Easement Monitoring –reviewed map of the 10 open space easements in Columbia was reviewed. Tom and Chris McGrath plan to monitor the easements later this year.

1.2 Trail Maintenance – all trails in good shape

1.3 Planning Projects: Farm Tours – tabled for now

1.4 Youth in Conservation – Jocelyn Letter boxing – Girl Scouts planning on reviewing the letter boxing events from Mansfield and creating a similar event in Columbia

1.5 Mono Pond Invasive Aquatic Plants – no report

2. New Business

2.1 PZC/IWWCC site walks/reviews - Squire Site Walk scheduling for 10/13 with Rob Helstrom to look for possible trail to rec park.

2.2 Town-Wide Trail System – possible open space, watershed, trail grants becoming available. Looking at connector trails from school to rec park, mono pond to airline trail, school to Szegda farm. Trails that offer handicap access, connect to state parks, and are connector trails are the most likely to be approved

2.3 Salmon River Watershed Partnership – Tom McGrath to connect with them on Mint brook area in Columbia. Devils Hopyard event on 10/15.

2.4 Trail Maps- Paula help? -

Adjournment: 7:45