

**Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2016, 7:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

Members Present: Ann Dunnack, Tom McGrath, Chris McGrath, Paul Ramsey, Chris Tolsdorf

Call to Order 7:04

Approval of Minutes 8/4/2016 – unanimously approved

Audience of Citizens: None

**Correspondence**

– Mark Walter sent info on DPW using the Model Integrated Pest Management Plan For Connecticut State Agencies for what chemicals were used. [http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/pesticide\\_certification/Supervisor/genpestipmplan.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/pesticide_certification/Supervisor/genpestipmplan.pdf)

– Tom McGrath noted that Joan Hill has the signage and kiosk information ready for installation at Root Cellar. Tom M and Chris M to help install.

**Conservation Easement Monitoring** – tabled until Fall.

**Trail Maintenance** – Would like to see readily available detailed trail maps professional quality available from town website. How to pursue ? ECSU, Joshuas Trust ?

**Planning Projects:**

Farm Tours – CCAG members took a look at Walt Tabors farm as a possible site. On Hold for now based on Walt's limited availability.

**Columbia Market** was held Saturday, August 27, 2016, 9-2 put on by Columbia Rec. – CCAG tabled near Joshua's trust.

**Youth in Conservation** - Girl Scouts will put together some sort of orienteering or letter box game this Fall. Nothing yet.

**Mono Pond Invasive Aquatic Plants** – pond is very shallow currently.

**PZC/IWWCC site walks/reviews** – nothing new to review.

-The squire property does include conservation easement that may allow in the future a trail from Town Green to Rec. Park. Metal markers installed by Rob Hellstrom.

- Middleman field in Columbia center may be developed by Chris Ramm to include a walking trail to connect near Szegda Farm.

-Oberlander property in Wells Wood still a possibility for open space

**Columbia Energy Conservation Committee** – has expressed some interest in collaboration on Town-Wide Trail System. CCAG brought to Mark Walter’s attention that the trail system was something outside of the scope of the CECC and that a better organizational structure might be to have the CECC as a subcommittee of CCAG. Mark research and get back to us.

**Salmon River Watershed Partnership** - Tom McGrath met briefly with Pat Young “Watershed Coordinator” email address salmonriverct@att.net on 08/27 to discuss the portion of the watershed in Columbia in Wells Woods mint brook . Pat thought it would be of value for Columbia to be active in the group and participate with Hebron in this area.

<http://www.salmonriverct.org/>. ( see map attachment )

Adjournment 8:00pm

# SALMON RIVER WATERSHED

