

Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission

Thursday, November 07, 2019, 7:00 PM

Minutes – Submitted by Tom McGrath – Secretary

Present: Tom McGrath, Ann Dunnack, Chris Tolsdorf

Minutes 09/05/2019 were approved 3-0

Audience of Citizens - **none**

Old Business

Conservation Easement Monitoring – Will happen this Fall and Winter, Tom McGrath wrote an article for Columbia View – it will be posted in the next issue. It was included in Mark Walter’s newsletter. Paula Stahl – Town Planner and Constance Kisluk Zoning Enforcement Officer will be mailing out the notification letters to the individual land owners that has an associated conservation easement attached to it. Once those notifications have been sent the monitoring by CCAG members will begin.

Trail Maintenance – Trails were in good shape prior to the late October/early November storms. CCAG and SFMC committee members will visit the trails over the next few weeks to do any necessary cleanup

New Business

CACIWC 11/23/2019 – Tom McGrath and Ann Dunnack will be attending together

Sustainable CT Farmer’s Market – there is some interest in Town in establishing a Farmers Market – Tom will contact Mark Walter and ask him to refer those interested to attend a CCAG meeting to discuss further

Columbia Views -need to publish articles on CCAG subjects for every issue

Update SF Management Plan – We will review the Szegda Farm Management Plan and the Mono Pond Management Plan at our January 2020 meeting

Open Space Steward Reports for Szegda Farm and Mono Pond – We will start using the Open Space Steward Report forms during our monitoring visits to the properties. They will be filed along with our minutes when possible. There may be some annual reporting that needs to be filed with the state for Mono Pond. We will need to find out who needs to see it and in what format they would like.

Commissioners Comments – Town owned Oberlander Property, there may be some need for fencing or other to protect the existing cellar holes from further damage from erosion by ATV’s etc.

Adjournment: 8pm