

# **Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission**

## **Regular Meeting March 7, 2019**

### **Minutes**

Called to order by Chairman Ann Dunnack at 7:00 PM

Present: Ann Dunnack, Tom McGrath.

The minutes of November 1, 2018 were approved 2-0

#### **Old Business**

Conservation Easement Monitoring: Chris Tolsdorf and Ann Dunnack have volunteered to monitor the easements. Tom McGrath will teach them how it is done.

Trail Maintenance: Szegda Farm Trails are in good shape, Mono Pond needs some clearing and re-blazing. Utlely Hill is in od shape; the Red and Blue Trails need re-blazing. The Town of Columbia has closed on the Oberlander Property in Wells Woods. A sign and management plan need to be prepared.

Conservation Easement on Town Land abutting Utlely Hill Preserve: The Town Planner, Paula Stahl, indicated that this is in the purview of PZC. Ann Will follow up on this.

Welcome Packet for New Residents: CCAG has contributed Map/Description of hiking trails, plus brochures and websites for outdoor activities.

#### **New Business**

Sustainable CT: The BOS has adopted the initiative, and all Town departments and commissions are actively participating.

Project Events/Ideas: Chris Tolsdorf has launched a Columbia Open Space Logo Contest. The winning design will be used on Signage and letterhead. Ann Dunnack will write an article for the July issue of Columbia Views on the Harvest Grove Farm. Ann will attempt to recruit Joan Hill to write an article about the new Oberlander Property for the April Issue.

The 2019 schedule of meetings: First Thursday of January, March, September, and November, at 7:00 PM

Commissioner Comments: Climate change and forest management were discussed. Development of an annual steward report form for the Town's open space parcels.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Ann Dunnack, Chairman

