

Columbia Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Dunnack at 8:00 AM.

Present: Ann Dunnack, Shirley King, Don Schofield, Chris Tolsdorf, Don Cianci

Audience: Linda Rainwater, Mark Walter, Todd Shepard

Approval of January 16, 2019 minutes

**Old Business:**

Ann reported that the Fiddle Fest fund raiser raised \$850. The IOBY (In Our Back Yard) initiative through Sustainable CT has raised \$30,000 to date. The goal is \$40,000.

**New Business:**

Ann informed the committee the CT Trail days is the first weekend in June and there will be walks in the Mono Pond Expansion planned. Several committee members as well as Linda expressed interest in leading a walk.

Mark will be attending a meeting today in Hebron with representatives of the 12 towns bordering the rail trail. The discussion will center on the opportunities each town will have as the trail develops further.

Don C. pointed out that the Mono Pond report dates from 2015 and discussion took place about whether Dr Kortman (limnologist) should be contacted about an update of this report. Mark will contact Dr Kortman to get his opinion and what the cost would be. If \$ needs to be budgeted for this, we will ask the selectmen to include it in their budget at the March 3 BOS meeting.

At 8:32 Shirley moved and Ann 2<sup>nd</sup> that we go into executive session to discuss a land acquisition. Linda and Mark were invited in. At 8:47 we came out of executive session. No vote was taken.

Ann moved **“The BOS approve \$30,000 from the Open Space account toward the State purchase of the Inzinga property located in Wells Woods.”** Don C. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

The committee brain stormed fund raising ideas.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM

Submitted by Shirley King Secretary

