



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Virtual Meeting Join Zoom Meeting

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Members Present

Marty Marx, Chairman; Sheridan Bauman, Chris Bazinet, Randy Bell, Molly Bernstein, and John Rie

Members Absent

Mike Oryl and Morgan Allen, non-voting member

Staff Present

Heidi Wallace, Inland Wetlands Agent

Kathleen King, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

M. Marx called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes- April 21, 2020

The minutes are being tabled until the next meeting.

Bills:

MOTION: to approve the February/March time sheet from Recording Clerk Kathy King for \$162.42. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by S. Bauman; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** S. Bauman, C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Chairman's Report: review remaining budget

M. Marx said there were a number of things he'd like to do in the next couple of months with the remaining budget money. Under Other Professional Services, he would like to pay for the Lake Treatment. Under Ground Maintenance, he'd like to pay to clear the Tom ODell Open Space. Under Landscaping, he'd like to pay for supplies and safety equipment for the interns such as gloves, chain for the chain saw, etc. Commission members were all in agreement.

Open Space Projects:

- **Tom ODell Memorial Open Space: Clearing and invasive plant control**

M. Marx walked the property with Director of Public Works John Riggio and with Chris Hallahan who will be doing the clearing. The property was very overgrown. Chris will be submitting an estimate. He has machinery to take down all of the weeds.

There are invasives everywhere. M. Marx is looking to have a professional come out to see what can be done about all of the invasive plants.

- **Chapman Mill – Lake Treatment**

\$2,188.00 would be the amount the Town of Westbrook would have to pay for Lake Treatment per the contract. The contract has been reviewed. Some suggestions have been made to change language within the contract. M. Marx said he hopes to get that resolved in the next few weeks.

- **Kirtland Landing: update**

J. Rie said this will be postponed until next year due to Covid 19. There is nothing new to report at this time.

- **Heritage/Open Space Brochure: update and next steps**

M. Bernstein reported that she was emailing Darlene Briggs about finishing the brochure. She's looking into using Google Drive. She would prefer to find the file and be able to copy and paste parts of the brochure. There was discussion about purchasing software to assist M. Bernstein in completing the brochure. The IT department at Westbrook High School has the software she would need. She just needs a little more information to finish the details of the brochure. M. Bernstein will go to Technique Printers for an estimate.

- **Toby Hill VIII purchase**

H. Wallace said that they received \$50,000.00 from the Westbrook Foundation towards the Toby Hill VIII purchase. She is going to pursue a grant from the CT DEEP and there may be another possibility for funding through the county. H. Wallace will also contact the Rockfall Foundation.

There is a Board of Finance meeting this week, and M. Marx will prepare a Power Point presentation to explain while this purchase fits in with the Plan of Conservation and Development.

- **Trail Maintenance at Open Space properties**

H. Wallace said the Horse Hill Woods trails did not correspond with the trail maps. M. Bernstein said it may be that H. Wallace has an older version of the map. M. Bernstein will send H. Wallace a current copy to print. H. Wallace said the trails look great.

- **Tom ODell Memorial Open Space signage update**

C. Bazinet said he's been trying to contact the sign company with no success. He's hoping to get a response soon. He said he will drive over to Lighthouse Signs by the end of this week, and he will email the CC members with any new information. C. Bazinet will send the deposit information to H. Wallace, and she will make arrangements to use the Town Credit Card.

- **Interns:**

M. Marx said Gus and Sam will be coming back. He is hoping they can start soon. Starting was delayed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Reports: Planning, Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Town Center, Preserve Ad Hoc Committee, and Harbor Management Commission

<p><u>MOTION:</u> to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Westbrook Conservation Commission which will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the South Meeting Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post. <u>MADE:</u> by J. Rie; <u>SECONDED:</u> by R. Bell; <u>VOTED IN FAVOR:</u> S. Bauman, C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; <u>OPPOSED:</u> None; <u>ABSTAINED:</u> None; <u>APPROVED:</u> 5-0-0.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King, Recording Clerk