



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Mulvey Municipal Center - South Meeting Room
(Unapproved)**

Members Present

Marty Marx, Chairman; Sheridan Bauman, Randy Bell, Molly Bernstein, Mike Oryl and John Rie

Members Absent

Morgan Allen, Audubon Teacher and former Conservation Commission Intern, non-voting member
Chris Bazinet

Staff Present

Heidi Wallace, Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Kathy King, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

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

Minutes- April 24, 2019

MOTION: to approve the Conservation Commission's Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019 as presented. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by M. Oryl; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, S. Bauman, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Bills:

MOTION: to approve time sheets from Kathy King for March and April as presented. **MADE:** by M. Oryl; **SECONDED:** by J. Rie; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, S. Bauman, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received: a letter from the CT Siting Council re: Docket # 485 – maintenance of a telecommunications facility at one of two sites – 1542 Boston Post Road or at the end of Kirtland Street, 3/5/2019 Regular and Corrected Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regular Meeting Minutes, 4/9/2019 Corrected Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regular Meeting Minutes, 4/23/2019 Zoning

Commission Regular Meeting Minutes and 5/7/2019 Regular Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Meeting Minutes.

Chairman's Report: Review current budget actuals

There is money left in the CC budget. M. Marx went over the budget in detail with Commission members.

M. Marx met with Bill Neale from FOBI (Friends of Westbrook Barrier Islands). Surveys will be done again this year. B. Neale will be sending M. Marx a voluntary sign-up sheet. People can sign up to act as docents. The shifts for docents are usually within 2 hours of low tide on Salt Island. Others go out on boats. The CC will continue to support FOBI.

S. Bauman will go to Westbrook Block to get a quote for a memorial rock for Bob Peterson, former CC member who passed away. An oak tree will also be purchased and planted in his memory.

H. Wallace would like to get a table for a CC display in the foyer of Town Hall. That display can be paid for with money from the CC budget.

Lake Laconia treatment for weeds needs to be done annually. The expense is split between the CC and the Lake Laconia Association. M. Marx will follow up on when the treatment needs to be applied.

There may be an Eagle Scout project in the near future on Salt Island.

Deb Rie is looking for flat stones to create a path to Salt Island. M. Marx will follow up with her on that project and offer CC funding.

Open Space Projects:

Kirtland Landing – John: update and status

J. Rie reported there was a general scoping meeting with the public. Many of the attendees were not very supportive of the project due to concerns about parking issues and that there will be too many people in the landing area. There will be meeting with the people in charge of the project and the engineering team tomorrow. They may be able to get funding for a handicapped accessible dock and possibly a restroom.

Sciongay Property – Heidi: update and status

The property is under estate care right now. The building was demolished.

Toby Hill Phase VIII grant application – Heidi: update and status

There is nothing new to report.

New Signage for Horse Hill Woods – Randy: update and status

R. Bell reviewed the details of the sign which were in the April 24, 2019 CC minutes. It was suggested that there be one sign with “south” entrance and one sign with “north” entrance labeled on it.

Summer Internships – Marty: update and status

Summer interns are starting this week. They will be weeding and when the mulch is delivered, they will be spreading mulch. M. Marx has asked that they walk the trails to see what needs to be done.

Bicycle Policy: Sheridan: update and status

S. Bauman said there's nothing new to report.

Preserve Committee – Sheridan: update

S. Bauman said there was a botanist who surveyed the entire 1,000 acres to identify all of the flora and fauna. Some are endangered. Some of the trails are being reworked. There is a problem with motorbikes despite signs prohibiting motorized vehicles. There is a handicapped trail being developed. M. Marx asked how convenient it would be to cross from The Preserve to Toby Hill. He looked at the map online and suggested that be looked at further.

New Business: Discuss zoning change on the Patchogue River

The zoning is not changing. That portion of the map was drawn incorrectly, so this is not an issue that needs to be discussed anymore.

Old Business: as needed

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

MOTION: 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 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the South Meeting Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by M. Oryl; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, J. Rie, S. Bauman, M. Bernstein, R. Bell; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King, Recording Clerk