



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Mulvey Municipal Center - South Meeting Room
(Unapproved)**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Morgan Allen, non-voting member

Staff Present

Kathy King, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

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

Minutes- June 18, 2019

MOTION: to approve the Conservation Commission's Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019 as presented. **MADE:** by R. Bell; **SECONDED:** by M. Bernstein; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, M. Bernstein, C. Bazinet, S. Bauman and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

Bills:

MOTION: to approve the June time sheet from Recording Clerk Kathy King for \$113.40. **MADE:** by M. Oryl; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, M. Bernstein, C. Bazinet, S. Bauman and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

MOTION: to approve invoice #1525 for \$726.87 for Speaking of Landscapes, LLC for project management and plants and materials for Salt Island Overlook. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet, M. Bernstein, S. Bauman and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

MOTION: to approve \$63.98 for Samuel Dailey for a tarp and a wheelbarrow tire. MADE: by J. Rie; SECONDED: by R. Bell; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet, M. Bernstein, S. Bauman and J. Rie; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None: APPROVED: 6-0-0.

MOTION: to approve \$5,272.50 for Torrison Garden, LLC, for spring cleanup and summer maintenance and plant installation for Salt Island Overlook. MADE: by J. Rie; SECONDED: by R. Bell; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Oryl, R. Bell, S. Bauman, C. Bazinet, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None: APPROVED: 6-0-0.

MOTION: to approve \$634.00 for Lighthouse Signs for signage for open space. MADE: by J. Rie; SECONDED: by R. Bell; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Oryl, R. Bell, S. Bauman, C. Bazinet, M. Bernstein and J. Rie; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None: APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received: CT Wildlife Magazine May/June 2019 issue, Sound Update Spring 2019 issue, informational brochure from Solitude Lake Management, request for donation from the CT Land Conservation Council, 6/25/2019 Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, 6/4/2019 Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, a letter dated 6/21/2019 from Solitude Lake Management to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency re: aquatic pesticide permit application and a letter dated 6/20/2019 to the Zoning Commission from Heidi Wallace re: the proposed zoning change on properties identified as Book/Page 342/428, 342/425 and 330/276 that are split between MDR and NCD.

MOTION: to add Modification of Special Permit, YMCA ZC2019-004 for construction of ground mounted solar panel array with associated equipment under New Business. MADE: by R. Bell; SECONDED: by J. Rie; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet, M. Bernstein, S. Bauman and J. Rie; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None: APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Chairman's Report:

There is nothing new to report.

Open Space Projects:

Kirtland Landing – John: update and status

J. Rie said 30% of the design is done. The vendor is planning to hold a public hearing and review the public's comments. That public hearing meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Sciongay Property – Heidi: update and status

There is nothing new to report.

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 said that he recently found out that former Conservation Commission Chairman T. Odell had a sign made for Horse Hill Woods when he was Chairman. The sign has been in his garage. R. Bell has already ordered the signs from Lighthouse Signs. He is going to call and see if he can cancel one of the signs, and change the order to one. If not, there will just be additional signage.

Summer Internships – Marty: update and status

The interns have been spending a lot of time on Salt Town Overlook eradicating invasive plants. They continue to help the Westbrook Garden Club as needed. They are going to start working at Chapman Mill Pond next week. They have been going out with the Friends of Westbrook Barrier Islands (FOBI).

MOTION: to suggest to the Board of Selectmen to change the name of Salt Island Overlook to a name, to be determined, in honor of Tom ODell. **MADE:** by R. Bell; **SECONDED:** by J. Rie; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, C. Bazinet, R. Bell, M. Bernstein, S. Bauman and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

Bicycle Policy: Sheridan: update and status

There is nothing new to report.

Preserve Committee – Sheridan: update

The last meeting was cancelled. There is nothing new to report.

New Business:

Modification of Special Permit ZC2019-004 Valley Shore YMCA, construction of ground mounted solar panel array with associated equipment.

Commission members discussed the application, and they have no comments. This application is still in front of the Zoning Commission.

Old Business:

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

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. until the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Westbrook Conservation Commission which will be on Tuesday, August 20, 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, C. Bazinet; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King
Recording Clerk