



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
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**CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 10, 2020**

9:00 A.M.

**Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Will Hochholzer and Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.

Staff: Ray Allen, P & R Director and Christine Nelson, Town Planner.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** None
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE-** None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Conservation Management Meeting  
September 13, 2019.

**FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER**

Motion to approved Conservation Management meeting minutes September 13, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**V. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A.** Update on the Preserve Parking Lots: Route 153 and Ingham Hill Road parking lot and turnaround.

A shield sign location was discussed and it was agreed that Carl Fortuna would email Alex Sokolow and Rich Chapman from DOT with a location. A permit application will be filed by Alex and the Town will install the sign. Also discussed was a locator sign further down Route 153 advising people of the State Forest coming up. It is believe that most trees at this site have survived to date. Ingham Hill Road: Some site work has been done. Lots of boulders remain. Some may be placed at ATV entry points to discourage riding. Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) comments: consider reducing capacity of parking spaces, do not put up barrier fencing around the lot but rather split rail or similar, use larger stone in lot that will discourage turtle egg laying and re-route hikers up the road to trail entry as a productive vernal pool is near the parking lot and should not be disturbed. A discussion ensued on the best way to do this.

- B.** The Preserve Forest Stewardship Plan.

Will Hochholzer reported that NDDB is still waiting for the Moorhead report. Kathy Connolly thought NDDB had enough preliminary findings from Moorhead to prepare their report.

- C.** Update on Eversource work in ROW.

Everyone believes this work is pretty much complete.

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**D.** Update on the monitoring and control efforts for Japanese stilt grass.  
No discussion.

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS** – Kathy Connolly mentioned issues on several interim trails that either cross private property or have large amounts of garbage and debris and the need to address. Mr. Hochholzer expressed concerns about doing too much work on interim trails before the Stewardship Plan is produced. An application to TPL will be made by Ray Allen to address many concerns with these trails as well as some other issues. The total amount of work is about \$100,000. Will Hochholzer made a motion to address the interim trail plan to stabilize and improve the trails but to notify his department of the proposed work so comments can be made before the application goes out. Motion approved. Kathy Connolly further commented on several other trails that Alex and Will will examine.

Susan Esty commented that she would like to see better coordination of 911 calls between Old Saybrook, Valley and EnConn.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT**  
**FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER**  
Motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Submitted by:

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.,  
First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook