



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
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MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Friday, September 13, 2019

9:00 A.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER- All members present. Will Hochholzer and Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.
Susan Esty from the Preserve ad hoc committee and Kathy Connolly.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- Kathy Connolly and Susan Esty attended.

Kathy Connolly commented on the following:

1. How much is in the TPL (Trust for Public Land) fund from monies raised? She indicated that she spoke with Honor Lawler several months ago but has not heard back since. Mr. Fortuna indicated he would reach out. Ms. Connolly also suggested that perhaps some of the state stewardship funds could be used for the Ingham Hill Road Trailhead parking lot.
2. She resubmitted a letter from December 18, 2017 from the Preserve ad hoc committee concerned about what has not been accomplished from the list on that letter
3. She is concerned about a bike jump and would like the State to look into what could be done to dismantle it.
4. She is concerned about ATV's in the forest
5. Standpipes from the proposed development still exist. It was suggested that it be determined if these are all located that we hire a contractor to come in and cut them off and cap them.
6. Stilt grass- Ms. Connolly had good success with one particular area simply by cutting it.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Conservation Management Meeting June 14, 2019
FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER

Motion to approve Conservation Management Meeting minutes June 14, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

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

Mr. Fortuna indicated that there appeared to be general agreement on an MOU with Westbrook. He will follow up with Westbrook and Matthew Starr.

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B. The Preserve Forest Stewardship Plan

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for a determination from DEEP's Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB). GEI is hesitant to put out a final report before getting final input from NDDB.

C. Update on Eversource work in ROW

Some work still being done but no major issues to discuss.

D. Update on the monitoring and control efforts for Japanese stilt grass (The Nature Conservancy TNC)

Previously discussed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS – Hunting determination still on hold waiting for GEI report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Submitted by:

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