



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
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**MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
THE PRESERVE
June 14, 2019
9:00 A.M.
Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room
MINUTES**

PRESENT: All members present. Will Hochholzer and Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.
Staff: Ray Allen, P & R Director, Susan Esty from the Preserve ad hoc committee,
Christine Nelson, Town Planner and David Guthbart, TNC.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** None
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE-**None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**
FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER
Motion to approve Conservation Management Meeting minutes March 15, 2019.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- V. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Update on the Preserve Parking Lot.
The Preserve parking lot on Ingham Hill Road is nearly fully designed and Jacobson has submitted to NDDB. This project will go out to bid and hopefully be paid for by TPL. At the moment, DEEP is waiting for the final report from Bill Moorhead. This will also affect the Natural Resource and Recreation Report. DEEP will not comment until the report is received. A turtle barrier will need to be constructed. Christine Nelson is researching options. WH is excited about the GEI study being completed because it is not often that the State is able to have a report that marries sustainable recreation with natural resources to minimize stress. Route 153 parking lot was also briefly discussed. No one is aware of any maintenance issues.
 - B.** MOU between State, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.
Westbrook will not sign an MOU but their DPW has indicated they will mow, trim and perhaps handle garbage issues when they arise.
 - C.** The Preserve Forest Stewardship Plan.
A draft plan has been submitted. As stated above, DEEP awaits the Moorhead report.

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D. Update on Eversource work in ROW.

There does not appear to be any issues with this work.

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS** – David Guthbart stated there will be a volunteer group of people going out to pull Japanese stiltgrass on August 27. This is being organized by Denali. David was told that Cathy Connolly may be able to identify areas in the Preserve where this weed is growing and needs action. Susan Esty noted that the red trail has been slightly moved to keep it away from wet areas. The movement of the trail has been met with good reviews by mountain bikers.

The bridges in the Preserve still need work.

Next meeting September 13, 2019, 9am, Old Saybrook Town Hall First Floor Conference Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/HOCHHOLZER

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Submitted by:

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