



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Conservation Commission

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Christine Picklo, *Secretary*
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Glenda Sohl
Kayle Sperling – Student
Representative

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Esty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present

Richard Esty, Donna Leake, Christine Picklo, Larry Ritzhaupt, Kacey Constable, Kacey Sperling – Student Representative

Members Absent

Jerry Brophy, Glenda Sohl

Land Use Department Staff

Gillian Carroll, Sharon Migliaccio, Recording Clerk

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Minutes- The minutes of February 14, 2018 meeting of the Conservation Commission were reviewed and approved.

MOTION to accept the minutes as presented, **MADE** by R. Esty; **SECONDED** by R. Esty, **VOTED IN FAVOR:** R. Esty, D. Leake, C. Picklo; L. Ritzhaupt, **OPPOSED:** None;

It was announced that there will be a special two hours National Geographic program on April 22, 2018 for anyone interested.

C. Budget Review-Richard reported that there are bills for the Habitat project for the blue bird and butterfly houses. Bat house supplies will be for the July project.

D. Committees

i. Inland Wetlands- Richard had nothing to report.

ii. Preserve Management Committee- Kacey reported on the preserve, trail updates, eversource's exchange of power pole.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outreach Project: Earth Day – Richard reported that a green up day is planned for April 28th. Those interested can gather together to clean up trash at the beach, town park, town green, etc. Gillian added that MS4 credits can be earned through stormwater education and outreach. This can help getting grants.

B. Several copies of the Conservation Plan were distributed to the members. They were the 1994 Conservation Plan, 2003 Conservation & Open Space Plan, and the 2006 Stewardship Plan. Kacey asked the members to take the materials home and read them, particularly, the 1994 and 2003 plans to be discussed at the next meeting.

Gillian presented a map of the open space properties. She pointed out the different parcels designated by different colors. The Land Trust land is green on the map. The members discussed the idea of having the map present at all the meetings to view the progress.

C. Projects Prioritization - Richard listed all the current projects the Conservation Commission has been involved with:

There was some discussion on the trees on main street and what is being done about the removal and replanting of them.

V. A. Film Series – Donna said the March film went very well. It is important to have someone there to set up and have the machine running ahead of time. They are thinking of using the Pavilion in the future.

B. Social Media – Kayle reported she tried to go onto the web site but could not. She was advised to set up her own social media site.

C. Habitat Outreach – Richard had gotten some printed materials on the blue birds and will have the children attend in the summer. Next will be the bat houses.

Kacey announced that there will be a bio blitz at the university of St. Joseph in Hartford on April 20th and 21st. It will be for twenty-four hours.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

<p>MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission which will be Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street; APPROVAL by unanimous consent; VOTED IN FAVOR: R. Esty, D. Leake, C. Picklo; L. Ritzhaupt; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None.; APPROVED: Unanimous.</p>

Respectfully submitted,