

Guilford Conservation Commission Minutes 5/15/2019 DRAFT

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Bill Jewell, Marli Rabinowitz, Susan Bonthron, Karen Murphy, Michael Becker (select board rep)

Not attending: Rory Lincoln, Bevan Quinn

Guest: Steve Soszynski

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

Minutes from March 21, 2019 accepted.

Welcomed Steve Soszynski who is willing to join the commission.

Elect officers for the coming year. Nominated and elected:

Linda Hecker Chair

Bill Jewell---Vice chair

Karen Murphy Clerk

Ash Tree Inventory update:

Elise Schadler will be doing a training session on July 15 at the BBCC from 1-4. She will bring a few iPads to compliment the ones we are receiving (using grant money) after July 1. She can accommodate 12 folks, so including the GCC members we expect that Peder Rude will join us along with someone from the road crew. We will learn to identify and map ash trees on town property and town right of ways. This is in anticipation of the probable arrival of Emerald Ash Borers (EAB) in Guilford.

Reports:

Linda Hecker is on the Natural Resources Commission at WRC. The commission helps conservation commissions with projects and also assists with town planning.

Green River Watershed Alliance has several events planned for summer.

The Connecticut River Conservancy organized and implemented a work day on the Karlan/Mason island in the Green River. Hundreds of trees and shrubs were planted with volunteer help to stabilize the property.

Bill reported that the Connectivity project received a large grant from High Meadows. They are in the process of determining a structure for the group including by-laws.

The iNaturalist training at the BBCC on My 4th was a success and everyone in attendance learned how to use the app and become citizen scientists.

Meeting updates:

June 5 EAB workshop in Putney sponsored by the PCC and co-sponsored (unanimous vote) by the GCC. Learn how to id ash trees and determine any hazards that may occur if invested with EAB. Putney Public Library at 7 PM.

June 10 meet with select board for semi-annual report.

June 18 Hike around part of Sweet Pond sponsored by GCC and Guilford Cares. Linda Hecker will lead walk. Starts at 10:30.

July 15 EAB workshop at the BBCC.

Next meeting is June 20 at 5:30 at the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission