

Guilford Conservation Commission
Land Stewardship Committee
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 1, 2018
Community Center – Leete Room

GUILFORD TOWN HALL
18 DEC -5 AM 11:32

Members Present: Heather Allore (secretary), Doug Clark(chair), George Goss, Paul Mei, Rob Musterer, Phil Regas & Lynn Saiers

Alternates:

Alternates Absent: Garrett Dell, Sally Whiteman

Staff: Kevin Magee

The meeting was opened at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Doug Clark

1. Approval of Agenda

Paul Mei made motion to approve the agenda that was seconded by Heather Allore. It was unanimously voted to approve the agenda

2. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2018 regular meeting

Paul Mei made motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2018 that was seconded by Heather Allore. It was unanimously voted to approve the minutes

3. Welcome Guest

None

4. Public Forum: None

5. Chairperson Report –

Doug Clark led several hikers in Timberland and was accompanied by Conservation Commission member Emily Chello. Doug led a second hike on Sunday and 2 people joined him. They meet hiker on the trail from China. Doug Clark indicated hikes were only advertised on CFPA web page. It was suggested that he place the hike on Simply Guilford. Heather asked if events can be placed on town web page

6. Conservation Commission Liaison Report (Doug Clark)

a. The commission discussed the upcoming deer management activities. A member of the public spoke in opposition to the hunting and would like the deer management program stopped. The commission indicated that they are in the third year of the management plan.

b. The commission is sponsoring a talk at the library on invasive plants on November 7, 2018 at the Guilford Library at 6:30pm.

- c. The commission is looking to update the Timberland Management Plan.
 - d. The commission discussed the ordinance to ban plastic bags.
 - e. The conservation commission approved Rob Musterer as a regular member and Garrett Dell as an alternate member to the Land Stewardship Committee.
7. CFPA Liaison Reports (Paul Mei)
- a. Paul Mei reported that a small dog nipped a hiker on the section of the Lone Pine Trail that is combined with Old Pent Road near the horse farm. Paul Mei indicated that he talked with the police department and they would like any animal bite documented to police department and the injured person should be treated at an emergency room.
 - b. Paul Mei noted that Pent Road is the property line with Guilford Land Conservation Trust and the Land Trust has problem with an adjacent neighbor regarding the right of way over Pent Road. The Land Trust only clearing trees that fall the width of the road necessary for hiking.
8. Environmental Planner's and Land Stewards' Reports
- a. The land stewards have been busy working on removing down trees in the Timberlands and the East River Preserve. They have also repaired several boards on the New England Trail boardwalk located off of North Madison Road.
 - b. The gate at the Crooked Hill Road entrance to Braemore Preserve was knocked off its post. Kevin Magee has a new gate to be installed and needs to get public works to assist.
 - c. Kevin is working with the Town Engineer and Public works to get the new parking area installed on Sullivan Drive.
 - d. Deer Management will be conducted at the East River Preserve from October 15th to November 15th. Signs will be installed at the trail entrances to let the public know that this will be going on.
9. Trail/section reports
- a. **Braemore-**
Doug Clark indicated that a work party is needed. Doug Clark received a report from David Bell that invasive are growing into the red Trail. A work party was scheduled for October 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crooked Hill Trail Head.
 - b. **Timberland-**Kevin noted there have been complaints of a professional dog walker with multiple dogs off leash. Doug Clark asked if any the commission members if they had encounters with dogs or any other animals.

c. East River Preserve –

Heather Allore reported with the utility work being conducted at the East River Preserve, the trail access points along the power lines have grown in. Access to the gold trail and New England Trail need to be opened up and the 4x4 post for White Trail needs to be replaced. With the heavy rain that we received the bridge crossing off of Clapboard Hill Rd needs to be checked.

d. James Valley/Meyerhuber-

Doug Clark indicated that he hiked the southern section and it looked OK.

10. Other Business

Doug asked about Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Deer Study utilizing bait stations to treat deer for ticks. Kevin Magee will check on the status of the study.

11. Adjournment

Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion by Heather Allore and seconded by Rob Musterer, which was unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

The next meeting of the Land Stewardship Committee will be December 3, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Magee
Environmental Planner