

Guilford Conservation Commission  
Land Stewardship Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
**Monday, April 2, 2018**  
**Community Center – Leete Room**

Members Present: Doug Clark (Chairperson), George Goss, Phil Regas, and Lynn Saiers  
Members Absent: Heather Allore, Dave Bell, and Paul Mei  
Alternates:  
Alternates Absent: Rob Musterer & Sally Whiteman  
Staff: Kevin Magee

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Doug Clark

1. Approval of Agenda

Phil Regas made motion to approve the agenda that was seconded by George Goss. It was unanimously voted to approve the agenda

2. Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2018 regular meeting

The minutes were not voted on since there was not a quorum of the members from the February meeting present at the meeting.

3. Welcome Guest:

Garnet Pale and Mark Goothberg observed the meeting. The commission members introduced themselves to the guest. Doug Clark provided the guest with an overview of the group's activities.

4. Public Forum: None

5. Chairperson Report –

- a. Doug Clark went over the latest version of the Braemore Preserve brochure titled Geology and Forest Ecology of Guilford's Braemore Preserve.
- b. Doug Clark indicated that he will be leading a Trails Day Hike at the Braemore Preserve on June 2, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.
- c. Doug Clark reported that on March 13, 2018 the Board of Selectmen held Special Meeting which involved a Public Hearing on a proposed local ordinance banning fracking waste. At the end of the public hearing the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the ordinance.
- d. Doug indicated that he is volunteering with the organization "Everyone Outside" which puts on nature programs at schools in Middlesex County.

## 6. GCC & CFPA Liaison Reports

### a. Conservation Commission Report:

- a.i. Doug Clark reported that the Conservation Commission is conducting outreach programs on wildlife topics at the library. The next presentation will be on Forest Health by Tom Worthley, an assistant Extension Professor at UCONN Clear, on May 9, 2018 at the Guilford Library.
- a.ii. The Conservation Commission will be staffing a table at the Earthfest event at the Guilford Fair Grounds on Saturday April 21, 2018.
- a.iii. The Commission has two new members Janet Ainsworth & Sarah Torff.
- a.iv. The commission approved use of the East River Preserve for a Guilford High School sponsored Cross Country meet being held in September.

### b. Connecticut Forest & Parks Association (CFPA) liaison report:

Doug Clark noted that CFPA is hosting National Trails Day on the first weekend in June and the books should be available shortly. CFPA has a listing of the events on their web page.

## 7. Environmental Planner's and Land Stewards' Reports

- a. Kevin Magee indicated that towns need to provide SCROG with map edits by April 20, 2018.
- b. Kevin Magee reported that the land stewards are busy cleaning up the fallen trees in the East River Preserve and Timberland after the several storm events. The lands stewards have also made a new kiosk for the Leatherman Road entrance to the East River Preserve.
- c. Public works will be placing a pile of wood chips in the Clapboard Hill parking area to be spread out in the wet area at the trail entrance.
- d. Eversource is upgrading the poles in the East River Preserve utility right of way. Kevin Magee has meet with representatives of Eversource and they will be placing warning at the portion of the trail that the power line crosses over. The orange power line trail will be closed until the work is completed.

## 8. Trail/section reports

For the next meeting members will be asked to present a list of maintenance items needed for the properties. Paul Mei plans to re-blaze the New England Scenic Trail through the East River Preserve in the spring.

- a. Braemore- Doug Clark reported that there are a number of trees down on the Yellow inner loop trail and on the trail to Reids View; the red Ridge Trail has invasives growing into the trail which needs to be cut back; and the red trail needs to be reblazed.
- b. Timberland-Doug Clark reported that he Phil Regas along with Phil's son hiked the blue and white trails and removed a lot of small trees across the trail. Doug reported that there is a snag in a tree near Iron Stream at upper Guilford Lakes.
- c. East River – No Report
- d. James Valley/Meyerhuber-No Report

**9. Other Business:**

Doug would like to set up a work party on April 14, 2018 at Braemore Preserve Crooked Hill Road trail entrance. The work party would be for cutting up the trees across the trails, cutting back brush on the Red ridge trail, and if is warm enough reblazing the red trail.

**10. Adjournment**

Then, with no further business before it, upon a motion by Phil Regas and seconded by George Goss which was unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

**The next meeting of the and Stewardship Committee will be June 4, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Magee

Environmental Planner