

Town of East Windsor Conservation Commission
Minutes for 12-28-17

In attendance Albert Grant, Frances Neill, Kirk Montstream

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

MEETING HELD IN EAST WINDSOR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY CENTER. 1A PARK HILL, BROAD BROOK, CT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1) August 24, 2017
- 2) September 28, 2017
- 3) October 26, 2017
- 4) November 23, 2017 - Meeting cancelled due to holiday, no Minutes to approve

Kirk made motion to approve, 2nd by Fran. Approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers - Kirk made motion to approve last years officer slate - Namely Albert Grant as Chairman and Frances Neill as Secretary. 2nd by Fran. Approved unanimously.
2. Review Bylaws - Kirk moved to approve the Update of Section 8.1 of the bylaws to add Public Participation in the 9th place in the order of business on the agenda was. 2nd by Fran - Approved unanimously.
3. Discussion of Map showing Town owned and Conservation Easement properties. We discussed looking for someone to go through records to identify set asides to build this map. We questioned if this information is online somewhere in the GIS? As an aside, we discussed ways to get more you people involved in the group through the use of social media.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 250th Town Anniversary.
2. Follow-up on previous evaluations of farm properties over and under 30 acres.
3. Funding for Conservation and Agricultural Easements - Discussed presentation made to Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2017 to promote easements and bonding funds for purchase of agricultural rights to conserve open space.

MISCELLANEOUS

Year in review.

1. We sent out a landowner contact letter in the early part of 2017 to which we received 25 responses. We had follow-up conversations with 2 of the respondents. At this point no further actions have been taken.
2. Com. Farm Easement process landowner opted not to accept the offer. Sold the land to current renting farmer.
3. PDR State Agriculture easement close to completion.
4. Addressed Board of Selectman to promote easements, bonding and possible budget line for conservation.

Kirk Monstream made motion to request secretarial budget money of \$250 for hiring of professional secretary for Conservation meetings. Fran Neill seconded. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Frances Neill