

HARWINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting October 19, 2015

Minutes

- Meeting 7:00pm

Present: S. Barlow, C. Butcher, Herb Etter, J Goodno, J Kirchner

Guests: Mike Criss

**June Minutes** : S. Barlow motion/ seconded by H Etter to approve June minutes as amended.

Conservation Commission: M Criss addressed some of the history and the functions of the Conservation Commission:

- formed in 1963
- amended in 1971 to refer to the state ordinance 7-131
- advisory but also able to perform functions needed to maintain and develop the conservation area.

Also discussed was the option of applying for State Trails grant for maintenance, blazing and building trails. This fund is underutilized and we could then hire for work that is beyond a volunteers means. We are to develop a 5 year maintenance plan for building and maintaining trails. UCONN cooperative extension also available to assist with trail development.

Meeting on this Thursday for the Naugatuck River Greenway to be attended by M Criss, S Stitch, J. Kirchner.

**Conservation area:**

**Clean up:** Red trail has large trees down and is impassable in sections. we will need a larger chain saw to remove.

**Bench:** J Goodno to check with Recreation to order a bench. M. Criss stated there may be funds that could supplement (Capital Improvement)

**Horse use on trails:** increased use and horse feces are being left on trail. This is against the ordinance and the owners can be fined. There needs to be increased enforcement.

**Map of trails:** with the bike trails the maps need to be redone. H Etter has GPS's the bike trails and can finalize a map to include the bike trails. Bike trails are utilizing a large portion of the red trail.

M Criss to contact NMBA to provide signage for the bike trails.

Meeting adjourned 08:00

Submitted:

Colleen Butcher

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