

Canaan Conservation Commission

Minutes

February 1, 2021

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Alice Schori, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Cody Hussey

Absent: Noel Everts

Minutes

Minutes from January were reviewed.

Tom moved we accept the minutes, Len seconded the motion, all approved.

Financial Report

- The CCC current balance is \$78,000

NH Association of Conservation Commission

- Annual fee for the Commission is \$275 and is currently due.
- Tom moved that we continue our membership- Dave seconded, all approved.

The Kate Brooks Memorial

To date, the CCC has received over \$1,000 in contributions in remembrance of Kate.

Thank you letters are being sent. Bill will email Margaret Laffin to let her know what has been received.

Tree discussion:

- How could a tree be sited on the green without competing with the farmers market?
- Perhaps we could plant a tree at the meetinghouse. Less traffic than the green down town, but could be a nice added feature for the meetinghouse.

Perhaps talk to Rochelle- who coordinates the market. ..NEED CONTACT INFORMATION- Dave to provide

Goal to plant in the spring

Commission Members

Bill Chabot: Chair,
3 year term ending
April 30, 2021

Len Reitsma:
3 year term ending
August 31, 2022

Elizabeth Chabot:
Secretary,
3 year term ending
April 30, 2022

Thomas Oppel: 3
year term ending
January 2024

Cody Hussey:
3 year term ending
January 2024

Alternates:

Alice Schori

Noel Everts

Selectboard Representative:

Dave McAlister

CCC: Land conservation Goals and discussion

Cody started a google doc to manage a list of properties we find interesting

This led to a discussion of several parcels in town.

- The first being the town parking lot, sited on the old Ware garage site. Since this is such a prominent spot in town, it would be nice if it had more eye appeal. There may be limits as to what can be done due to contamination levels.
- The second site is the “Cozy Corner” which is a small parcel on the corner across from the hardware store which might have similar issues.
- The third is the large parcel along the rail trail where the freight house is. There have been some interesting ideas for the property and freight house, including plans for a community center.

Bill spoke with Jason at the UV Land Trust- currently they have no parcels in Canaan that they are targeting.

Tom to reach out to our delegates to learn if there is funding available to put toward improving the parking lot or towards remediation efforts on the contaminated areas in town.

Misc

- Mail pick up at the town office- volunteer? Tom Opiel volunteered.

Future Events:

- Earth Day Clean up: April 24, 2021 with Rain/snow date of April 25th.
- Poster to be designed

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Tom

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot