

**Town of Chester
Conservation Commission
Approved Minutes of Meeting
January 10, 2017**

Attendance

Chairman Chuck Myette
Aaron Hume
Deb Munson

Call to Order

Having no quorum, the meeting began, informally, at approximately 7:12 pm.

New Business

1. Annual Budget Selectman's meeting – February 2, 2017
2. Statewide Trails meeting (Deb Munson)

Ms. Munson shared a brief overview, with handouts, of the Trail Finders seminar she attended recently. Ms. Munson summarized that it was a voluntary program, modeled after one in Maine. It shows where you can go on trails, restrictions can be added with data points, notable intersections and direction, with personnel available to help get started. Chairman Myette wondered if there were any negative sides and also discussed the pros and cons of attracting more out-of-town users. Mr. Hume noted that more people can be just as positive as negative. Ms. Munson reflected that having more trails available would diminish repeated use of the same existing trails, with the exception of atvs and snowmobiles which could be prohibited or restricted, from others. Mr. Hume reported atv tracks throughout the wetlands off Ledge Road, causing visible damage, and suggested strongly that it was probably not an area that should even be hiked. Ms. Munson reported that this would enable them to perhaps fence off those sensitive areas.

3. GBN Farms "Composting Monitoring" - Tabled

Old Business

1. Review Minutes (Dec) - Tabled
2. Subcommittee reports
 - A. Strategic Land Protection Committee – SLPC - Tabled
 - B. Treasurer's Report (Chuck) **BILLS - Tabled**
 - C. Planning Board - Tabled
 - D. Trails - Tabled
 - E. Springhill Farm (Chuck) - Tabled
 - F. Agricultural Commission (Chuck) - Tabled
 - G. Regulations - Tabled
 - H. Grants – Trails grant - Tabled
 - I. Wason Pond Conservation area (Chuck) - Tabled
 - J. Easements, Monitoring and Stewardship - Tabled

Plan Reviews

1. None

Miscellaneous Business

1. Beaver Trapping - Tabled
2. Logging South Woods and Town Land - Tabled
3. Trail mapping - Tabled
4. Selectman's meeting
Mr. Hume will attend the next Selectman's meeting concerning his appointment to the commission.
5. RCCD Easements - Tabled
6. Chester Turnpike easement - Tabled
7. Web Page Update - Tabled

Adjournment

Chairman Myette adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer
Recording Secretary