

**East Haddam
Conservation Commission
Forestry and Stewardship Sub-committee**

September 20, 2018

Adopted October 9, 2018

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Forestry and Stewardship sub-committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 7:34 PM at Todd and Charlotte Gelston's residence on Bogel Road. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Todd Gelston, Sue Merrow, Paul Sienna, Joe Zaid, Charlotte Gelston

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Merrow to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Sienna and unanimously approved.

3. New Business

a. September 22 event planning

Mr. Gelston has received one RSVP. Ms. Merrow sent it out to the East Haddam Community Lions. Ms. Goyette posted the notice on 2 Facebook accounts. The members talked about how RSVP requests can hurt attendance, Ms. Merrow suggested noting it may be helpful to note RSVP helpful but not required, for future events. Ms. Gelston suggested calling several other folks to see if they are interested in coming. The members made a list of other people to call to get the word out about the event. There was much discussion related to how to get more people engaged in the event. The members discussed how it is important to continue to host the events year after year.

The work to be addressed was discussed. There is quite a bit of work out there to be addressed; trail clearing, installing the bollard, cleaning up the stone wall and foundation. The main focus, though, is to clear the stone wall and foundation near the parking lot.

Mr. Gelston will get the liability release.

In terms of tools, Mr. Gelston asked the members to bring rakes and loppers. Mr. Gelston will bring his chain saw, shovels, string mowers and hand saws. Mr. Zaid will bring safety glasses and gloves; he also has a first aid kit as well.

Mr. Gelston noted that the field should have been mowed today.

Mr. Gelston will post the signs on Rt. 156 to ensure people see where to go and do not miss the turn on Baker Lane.

Mr. Gelston noted that there are 2 events per year for this – one in the fall and one in the spring – with a free lunch at these. The Hot Dog Girl cart will handle the food. The Conservation Commission will be paying for the food.

Mr. Gelston asked for the members to arrive around 8:30am to prepare for those who will attend.

Mr. Zaid noted that the bollard installation is a 2-person job, and will bring a wheelbarrow for the concrete. He will reach out to Mr. Smith to ask him to bring the forms.

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- b. Public comment
No public attended.

- 4. Announcements and other discussion
No other items discussed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary