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HYDE PARK COMMISSION

TOWN HALL

JANUARY 16, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING

Present:

Lori Gianantoni

Richard Hartenstein, Jr.

Chris Paradiso

Cheryl Wilson-Maynard

Absent:

William Braun

MINUTES:

1. Meeting called to order and Moment of Silence

Meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. A quorum was established. Commission members paused for a moment of silence.

2. Approve minutes of July 25, 2018

Upon motion of Chris Paradiso and seconded by Cheryl Wilson-Maynard the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of July 25, 2018.

3. Discussion and possible action to lease or sell a small parcel of the land to a neighbor

Commission members discussed the matter of leasing or selling a small parcel of Hyde Park land. Following a brief discussion the Commission members with a vote of four (4) opposed and zero (0) in favor of leasing or selling the Hyde Park property. Commission members wish to keep the property intact. A letter would be sent advising of the Commission's decision.

4. Discussion about hunting on Hyde Park property

October 2018 the Conservation Commission proposed to clean the hiking trail on the Hyde Park property. Chairman Rick Hartenstein after speaking with the Selectmen's Office found that hunting permits were issued to approximately 18 people. October is hunting season and in an effort to shut down hunting for a weekend in October, 18 individuals would need to be contacted. Hyde Park consists of approximately 156 acres of which approximately 140 acres is hunting property. Various matters were discussed; cleaning of the trails could be done during the other months of the year when it isn't hunting season, how many permits should be issued and/or a lottery for hunting permits if necessary, parking regulations for hunters hunting on Hyde Park property. Chris Paradiso would check in with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to see how the State of Connecticut handles it's hunting lottery. This matter is tabled for continued discussion.

5. Update on the River Walk

The River Walk project is scheduled to be completed in the Spring. Rick Zulick, Town of Stafford's Public Works Director, would be volunteering his services to complete the project and address the flooding situation in the Park in the Spring months.

6. Adjournment

Upon motion of Chris Paradiso and seconded by Cheryl Wilson-Maynard the Commission unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Gianantoni

Recording Secretary