

Guilford Conservation Commission Minutes 2.28.2019 DRAFT

Attending: Bevan Quinn, Linda Lembke, Linda Hecker, Bill Jewell, Marli Rabinowitz (via phone), Karen Murphy.

Not attending: Susan Bonthron, Rory Lincoln

Public: Energy Committee representatives Nancy Detra, Thayer Tomlinson, Chris Beebe

Meeting called to order at 5:37

Adjusted agenda to accommodate members of the energy committee.

Minutes from January 17, 2019 accepted.

The representatives from the Energy Committee reported on their efforts to reduce energy use in town and also reduce carbon emissions. They have designed a heating/energy survey which will be online and in print and distributed to town residents. The energy section of the Town Plan is on the town website. The GCC is available to support them in their efforts.

We unanimously accepted the terms of office for the GCC as it is printed in the town report.

We are still actively looking for a ninth board member. Several names were put forward and will be followed up on.

Ash Tree Inventory: A grant from Forest, Parks and Recreation has been granted to proceed with the EAB inventory. It has been matched by the town. The inventory will include identifying ash trees on town property and along town roads. It is hoped that Elise Shadler from F, P, and R may be available to do a volunteer training, possibly on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and stay to talk at the joint Conservation Commissions meeting later on the same day.

Assisting landowners with conservation planning: A unanimous decision was made to contact a local land owner whose large property is on the market to discuss establishing a conservation easement. The property (with the owner's permission) is used by many community members for recreation i.e. hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Upcoming meetings: April 17 Joint Conservation Commissions meeting at the BBCC, iNaturalist training with Patti Smith on May 4 at 2 PM at the BBCC.

Next GCC meeting is March 21 at 5:30 PM at the town office.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission

