

## Guilford Conservation Commission Meeting June 21, 2018

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Susan Bonthron, Bill Jewell, Gabby Cuiffreda, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Marli Rabinowitz, Bevan Quinn, Rory Lincoln, Wim van Loon

Meeting called to order at 5:07.

Minutes from May 17, 2018 accepted.

### Reviewed Action Steps:

Invasive plants with road crew

Meeting with Planning Commission

Gazette article

Weeks Forest trail maintenance.

Gazette Article: the deadline for articles is July 1. We hope to submit several of them with a rivers/watersheds theme.

Several GCC members worked on the Carriage Trail in May. Our newest plant invasive is garlic mustard. There is a senior walk, organized by Guilford Cares, on June 27 that includes folks from Keene, NH.

### Green River Watershed Alliance update:

There will be a Green River Marathon on August 28 sponsored by the CT River Conservancy.

On September 12 a community event will take place that includes a 6<sup>th</sup> grade presentation along with the stream table. WRC will be part of the planning for this event.

### NRI:

Patti Smith sent us maps of parts of Guilford that she would like to visit as part of her field work. We were able to identify important sites with landowners. Members are taking on the task of communication with the owners either by e-mail or phone call to obtain permission to do the field work.

Invasives Patrol: The road crew can alert us to problem plants along the road. So far, we have removed Cow Parsnip in various places in town. As this is a native plant we are only removing the ones near the road that might be injurious to the road crew or people walking close to the road.

### River Corridor Bylaws:

There is a certain amount of opposition by town residents to the proposed river corridor and flood plain bylaws. Karen, Bill and Linda H and Linda L were at the June 25 Planning Commission meeting. We were given time to address our natural resources section of the town plan and in particular the water resource section. The PC is planning on sending out a mailing with FAQs to explain benefits and concerns to all town residents.

Other business:

Susan and Linda L showed us the fold out brochure of rare reptiles in Guilford they prepared for the GCS children. The children took them home and if they observe any of them can contact the GCC directly.

Karen reported on the latest meeting of GPI (Guilford Preservation Inc.). GPI along with three other Algiers entities are working on the Living Communities vision plan. There is a proposed picnic area and trail loop on the GPI land.

Next meeting is July19 at 5 PM in the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission