



Coventry Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2016
Town Office Building–Development Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Other members present were Robert Proctor, Paul Manzone and Vincent Messino. Absent was Art Hall.

2. Secretary's Report

Vincent Messino moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016. Paul Manzone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

3. Financial Report

The reported budget level remains at \$2,135, though recent purchases to upgrade the Annex rain garden will soon be reckoned.

4. Audience of Citizens/Special Business

None.

5. Site Plan/Town Referral

16-05S—696 Flanders Road, Marylou Breen, split 24.87 acres into two parcels. Noted without comment.

6. New Business

- We reviewed feedback from Eric Thomas on our Patriots Park Woods management plan and will incorporate his comments into our next draft.
- Regarding our trial project in Patriots Park Woods to combat invasive flora with conifer plantings, we will start with seedlings from Vincent Messino's property. We will clear away an area of barberry and plant the young conifers as a test of feasibility. From there, we hope to proceed with more plantings, which may include larger conifers.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Members Forum

None.

9. Communications

- *The Habitat*—CACIWC's newsletter, Spring 2016.
- *The "Clear Cut" Advantage for Wildlife and Forest Health*—DEEP pamphlet on creating shrub land and young forest habitat.

10. Adjournment

Leroy Lowe moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Manzone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016.

Submitted by Robert Proctor

