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## **Orange Conservation Commission**

Zoom Meeting  
September 2, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

*(Unapproved Minutes)*

### **Attendance**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Cindy Ruggeri, Vice Chairman Sharon V. Ewen, Donna Wesolowski, Robert McCorkle, and Cathy Anderson

**Staff Present:** Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

### **I. Call to Order**

- Chairman Ruggeri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. via zoom.

### **II. Review and Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2020**

- Ms. Wesolowski pointed out a date revision and the correction was noted.

*Mr. McCorkle made a motion to approve the amended July 1, 2020 Orange Conservation Commission minutes, seconded by Ms. Wesolowski. All were in favor and the motion **PASSED.***

### **III. Financial Report**

- Mr. Ewen ordered the Roundup for the cleanup after the goats and has submitted the bill to the town.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Wepawaug Bridge Railings**

- As previously stated, the monies are being held by the Finance Director to cover this expenditure. Ms. Ewen will contact Mr. Cifarelli to see if he can recommend another vendor to do the work or if he prefers to contact Orange Fence directly.

B. OCC Town Code Changes

- Ms. Ruggeri will contact the Town Attorney about the OCC Town code changes prior to making any new signage at Racebrook Tract.

C. Racebrook Tract Steps

- The Commission will seek more estimates and different designs and styles for this project.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the ten-year-old biker who fell and broke his leg. It remains unclear if he was biking on an unmarked trail.

**V. New Business**

A. Dog Sign Updates

- The Commission discussed signage in some detail and Ms. Ruggeri noted that the dog signs came in with a typo error. The signs have been redone but placement of the signs will be delayed until consultation with the Town attorney. It was noted that more people are using the trails due to COVID.

B. Town Border Signs

- Ms. Ruggeri will contact the abutting town of Woodbridge for more detailed information regarding the town boundary lines with the town of Orange. She intends to reach out to the Woodbridge Conservation Commission to help determine the border on the Racebrook Tract. Ms. Anderson mentioned that the boundaries were unable to be accurately determined using the satellite maps.

C. Kiosk Updates

- Ms. Wesolowski reported that all the kiosks have been cleaned and updated. Mr. McCorkle will check the kiosk at Paul Ode and report back to the Commission members. There is a wasp nest in the Turkey Hill Preserve kiosk that will need to be addressed. Lastly, it was noted that Ms. Wesolowski is not responsible for the upkeep of all of the kiosks, but rather the individual Commission member responsible for walking the trail will check the kiosk on site.

D. Camera Status

- Ms. Ruggeri indicated that there is nothing to report at this time.

## VI. Review of Standing Committee/Liaison Reports

- Ms. Ewen will send a “thank you” card for use of the goats and would like to consider using them again in the future. She did not have an update on the Purple Martin House. Ms. Ruggeri spoke with Chris regarding the down trees due to the recent storm and was advised that clean up is now complete. Mr. Drew Gunning came on the properties with a chain saw to help with the cleanup but Ms. Ewen expressed some concerns over liability issues. Ms. Ewen was uncertain if the First Selectman knew that he was there. Ms. Anderson advised that her husband is also available to help with the Open Space, if so needed.
- Ms. Ruggeri noted that there will be no fair or Owl Prowl due to COVID. Ms. Wesolowski complimented Sharon’s children for their hard work on the trails.
- Lastly, the Rotary Grant for \$250 was used for the “Food for Kids Program.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary