



**Waterbury Conservation Commission
Minutes (Draft)
January 12, 2021
Via teleconference**

Commission attendees: Allan Thompson, Erin Hurley, Mike Hedges, Joan Beard, Billy Vigdor, Tracy Sweeney, Steve Hagenbuch

Commission absent: Krista Battles, Linda Gilpin

Public: Jane Brown, Tom Scribner, Meg Scribner

- Meeting convened 6:00 pm
- Minutes from December 2020 meeting reviewed. Joan Beard made a motion to approve. Seconded by Billy Vigdor. Minutes approved.
- Hope Davey Multi-Use Area
 - Jane Brown, Tom Scribner, and Meg Scribner brought concerns over the environmental impacts of the disc golf course
 - Use has greatly increased over the years. In addition to the increase in # of people using the course, there has also been unsanctioned vegetation management along the course. Among the specifics mentioned were removal of tree branches, cutting of trees, mowing, and clearing of the riparian area along Thatcher Brook. There are designated wetlands on the property associated with Thatcher Brook and human waste has been found there.
 - There is no MOU between the disc golf community and the Town of Waterbury.
 - There is no management plan for Hope Davey Park to help guide the types of activities and land management on the property.
 - Negative interactions have occurred between disc golfers and other users of the park creating a feeling of un-welcomeness to those out for a walk.
 - Jane, Tom, and Meg all indicated that they are supporters of disc golf as an activity at Hope Davey, however they encourage the development of a management plan and formal agreement between the disc golf community (specific entity unknown) and the Town.
 - Waterbury Conservation Commission members support the creation of a MOU and management plan. WCC can assist with the environmental impact section of the management plan.



- Waterbury Historical Society book
 - Steve Hagenbuch shared that the Waterbury Historical Society is preparing a book covering the time period of 2000-2020. The WCC was asked if it would be willing to write a section on the environment. Steve Hagenbuch agreed to do so and will share the draft with Allan Thompson, Joan Beard, Mike Hedges, and Billy Vigdor for edits and comments.

- Proposed subdivision
 - Billy Vigdor brought to the WCC's attention a proposed subdivision for the parcel located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Sweet and Ripley Roads. It was identified that there was nothing specific for WCC to comment on.

- Unified Development Bylaws
 - The proposed Unified Development Bylaws draft updated by WCC to incorporate wildlife corridors has been submitted to Steve Lotspeich. Steve will submit to the Waterbury Planning Commission for its review.

- Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Hagenbuch, February 9, 2021