

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission**

**5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278**

Minutes

Monday July 22, 2013 at 7:30PM

Ashford Town Hall

Attendance: Gwen Haaland, Steve Morytko, Ruth Cutler, Mike Gantick and Loretta Wrobel.

- 1. Call to Order-7:36PM**
- 2. Approval of Minutes-none**
- 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report-none**
- 4. Correspondence and Publications received-Yale Seminar July 25**
- 5. Presentations-none**
- 6. Member Reports and Projects-none**
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Invasive Plant Work at Memorial Park-Morytko has worked with Dan Donahue on autumn olive at Park. Plan remove invasive species + plant native plants. Clearing to encourage native growth. Another work date will be scheduled in August. Haaland can assist after August. Morytko communicating with Rec. Dept Sherry York. Ongoing project.**
 - B. Update on Water Monitoring-Morytko +Haaland along with Fenn working with Jean Pillo, ECCD coordinator, taking samples along MT Hope River. High readings after rains to be expected from storm runoff. Highest readings just over Ashford/Mansfield border. Pillo annual water monitoring training in Sept in Ashford.**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Questions for Town Meeting July 24-discussed letter for Rep. Belsito +Sen. Guglielmo. Wrobel to make agreed changes and read at Wed. meeting. Letter spells out CC concerns about importance of forestry and watersheds and lack of State of CT budget support. Need for creative budget for tourism to attract visitors to CT forests and parks.**
 - B. Other business- Request from Garden Club suggestions for types of trees to distribute for 300th anniversary. Suggestions: fruit trees esp. pear (Winter Pear), American Linden and Red Mulberry. Tree experts Chris Donnelly and Bob Ricard for more info. Haaland will respond.**
- 9. Public Comments-none**
- 10. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting August 26**
- 11. Adjournment-8:57PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Wrobel**