

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278
Minutes**

Monday December 19, 2016 at 7:30PM

Attendance: Gwen Haaland, Bill and Stephanie Dubinsky, Steve Morytko, Janet Bellamy and Loretta Wrobel

- 1. Call to Order-7:35PM**
- 2. Approval of 11-28-16Minutes-approved**
- 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report-none**
- 4. Correspondence and Publications received--Habitat distributed**
- 5. Presentations**
- 6. Member Reports and Project**
- 7. New Business**
 - A. Langhammer Trail rules +signs-list of rules including no ATV, bicycles, alcohol, littering, horseback riding, campfires, camping, no hunting or (hunting by permit), dogs on leash, park open dawn-dusk, will present to BOS in January, need signs for parking and Langhammer Trail which Bill will create**
 - B. Budget items for 2017-2018-Gwen to check on cost of JT kiosk**
 - C. New members—have opening for new members**
 - D. Other business-**
 - a. CC agreed to co-sponsor composting seminar + selling of compost bins with Ag Com +ABA (?), Loretta to contact AG Com**
 - b. CC recommends open space be valued as Tillable D so that all landowners can afford to keep their open space property rather than sell to developers. Historically Town supports open space and CC views open space as critical, open space worth more to town than developed lands + CC supports open space for maintaining rural character +conserving resources**
 - c. Discussion re: native plant education +give away on Earth Day, Steve order winterberry + black walnut, need to publicize**
- 8. Old Business**
 - A. Update on Forest Legacy- DEEP letter explains reasons application important, will continue to encourage landowners to apply for Legacy**
 - B. Water Chestnut follow-up with EO Smith-Gwen to contact teacher**
- 9. Public Comments-none**
- 10. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting- Loretta to prepare**
- 11. Adjournment-9:15PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Wrobel