

*These minutes have been approved by the Commission*  
Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission, Town of Eastford  
Minutes of regular meeting. Tuesday Feb. 5, 2019

Members Present: Mary Ellen Ellsworth (MEE), Deborah Lee (DL), Anne Latham (AL),  
Tom Hughes (TH), Frank Castagna (FC), Ed Parry(EP), Ralph Yulo (RY)

Members Absent: Tom DeJohn (TDJ), Amanda Manso (AM), Michelle Poudrette (MP), Adam Gruszczynski  
Visitor: Jim Trowbridge (Crystal Pond Park Commission)

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2019 meeting. Approved with corrections. RY/TH

3. Old Business

A. Trails - maintenance updates, etc.

1) Boston Turnpike Trail - Met on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (MEE, AL, DL, RY, FC) & cleared trail segment from Crams Bk Rd east along main trail. Set date for another clearing effort on 2/12 at 10 am. Meet where trail crosses Cram Bk Rd.

2) Askew Trail – Initiative to involve local scouts in trail improvement efforts: RY met with Scout Master Vicki Embree of Woodstock to discuss project. He reported that there was definite interest in working with the ECHPC on this project.

3) “Old CT Path” Trail at Crystal Pond Park – Members of ECHPC will meet with the CPPC on March 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss renewing the trail and re-working the route of the trail. MEE provided a copy of Jason Newton’s OCP handout given out to participants in the 2015 Walktober event at the Walker Rd segment of the OCP. Copies will be made.

B. Old Town Pound: a clean-up date will be set up later in the spring.

C. Historic Cemeteries (& related Perry/Parry controversy): Was reported that historical record on the name is confusing – evidence of fluid spelling (same person recorded as “Parry” & at other times as “Perry”). Steve Broderick suggested contacting UConn-Hartford historian, Walt Woodward. He has helped on past historical searches. EP mentioned that original “Parry” came from Marlboro, MA & that perhaps original records can be found up there. Others suggested that this local historical mystery might be appropriate to incorporate into the EES curriculum.

D. Energy Conservation Task Force Subcommittee: January meeting was canceled. Will meet again 2/13.

E. Conservation Education/Outreach : future article for Communicator on the CT Bird Atlas. REMINDER - members encouraged to use AM’s handout and do a bird count in one of the 2 blocks by the end of Feb.

F. ECHPC website – maintenance issues still need to be looked into. Protocol for getting minutes and agendas on the Town’s website needs to be learned.

4. New Business - Vernal Pool monitoring – will set date for this at the March meeting

5. Correspondence:

A. CT Wildlife magazine – Nov/Dec 2018.

B. Climate Change Science presentation sponsored by Yale-Myers Forest’s Quiet Corner Initiative  
2/21 6:30pm Union, CT Town Hall.

6. Adjourned at 7:50pm. *Next meeting: Mar. 5, 2019 7:00 p.m. Eastford Town Office Building*

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Lee