



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 57 Durham, CT 06422-0057 13th

Meeting Notes for Thursday, December 13, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was held at CFPA Library -16 Meriden Rd., Rockfall
The meeting called to order at 6:45 by Diane.

Attendance: Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, Ruth, Eric Hammerling (CFPA)
Guest: Gary Rutkauskas

Excused: David Frazzinelli, Laurie Giannotti (DEEP), Fred Mastele,

Review Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes of September 20, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to accept
By Ruth 2nd Meg with corrections and additions by Ruth and Eric.

State Park & Forest updates

Natchaug State Forest: Discussion that a private contractor was killed by a falling tree, and that a CFPA volunteer offered to trim brush on the trails

Pachaug State Forest: Eric reports that the Firing Range project is hoping to use "time as a friend because of the opposition to put an end to the proposal and many are hoping that Lamont will put an end to it. Studies have been done.

Machimoodus State Park: Meg reports that the trails are in good shape. There are some trees down, but it is possible to go around them.

Other trail reports:

Meg reported on the Bissell Trail (Windsor Meadows State Park) and Great Pond State Park. She has patrolled there several times and they are both in need of major clearing.

Legislative Discussion

Eric reports: There was 79% of the votes on the Passport to the Parks and 84.5 % voted yes for the bill. The full year to Passport to the Parks goes to seasonal employees. Eric was appointed Co-Chair of the Environmental Committee for the transition to Lamont as Governor. CFPA is having an event at Hammonasset State Park on 12/19/18. There are 15 groups involved to support Recreational Trails CT in the Fed Program and the state-wide trails map.

According to the new DEEP Commissioner Klee to the briefing to the Environmental Committee is to expect to lose 40% of staff in the next 4 years.

January 9th is the day the legislative session starts.

Old Business:

West Rock Ridge State Park: *Follow up from* regarding parking for horse trailers and where.

Airline Trail - Portland: *Follow up from June* was the discussion on the Portland Connector and concern was brought up by Fred. Laurie said that the town owns the easement and will give the contact information for the committee working on it. Tabled to next meeting.

CT Greenways Symposium took place on Thursday, October 25th at the Goodwin College. The theme was "Trails Connecting Communities and People." There was a speaker from Kingdom Trails (VT). The CT Horse Council did a presentation on Trail Etiquette.

New Business:

The Passing of Ginger Tullai:

Ginger represented equestrians in the Second Congressional District appointed by the President Pro Tempore on the CT Equine Advisory Council from 2016-2018.

Ginger will always be remembered for her volunteer work as a member of the CT Horse Council since 2006. She served on the CHC Trails Committee and was the Area Coordinator for the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program. She oversaw two very large DEEP areas – Gillette Castle and Salmon River. These included 3 state forests, 8 state parks and 3 Wildlife Management Areas. She logged over 1,500 hours on VHP patrols.

Ginger was also instrumental in establishing "The Friends of Machimoodus/Sunrise Resort State Park and served as Vice president for the group. Among many things that she has done in this position was to promote horse camping at this park and organized two camping events these past couple of years. This I believe was one of her favorite places and wanted others to share in the beauty of this land. I know she would love us all to continue on with her work to make this happen.

In the 12 short years we had Ginger in CHC, she dedicated countless volunteer hours to promote and support equestrian use. She was instrumental in getting the Comstock Covered Bridge in the Salmon River State Forest in East Hampton modified so that horses could access both sides of the forest and was working on getting a multi-use loop trail system marked in the forest. Her volunteer services provide representation of the state's equestrian community on state and local levels, educating individuals, groups, and professional organizations of the importance of protecting and preserving trails and open space, while promoting equestrian use on our trail systems and Greenways and its economic and health benefits available to the community.

She was also a member of the CT Farm Bureau and several other horse organizations. She served as secretary and vice president of the Greener Pastures Rescue in Salem.

Many of you may also know her through her membership to the CT Trail Rides Association (CTRA) and an Area Vice President. She has guided many trail rides through several forests and parks, so that others may learn and enjoy the trails.

All of us who know Ginger will always have special and fond memories. On behalf of all equestrian groups, we celebrate Ginger's life and her accomplishments, thank her for her dedicated service and wish her HAPPY TRAILS ahead. We Love you Ginger - you live on in our hearts

We will be looking for an equestrian representative in the 2nd Congressional District to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore

District #2

President Pro Tempore

Suffield	Enfield	Somers	Stafford
Union	Woodstock	Thompson	Ellington
Tolland	Willington	Ashford	Haddam
East Haddam	Salem	Montville	Ledyard
North Stonington	Eastford	Pomfret	Putnam
Killingly	Vernon	Bolton	Andover
Coventry	Mansfield	Chaplin	Hampton
Stonington	Groton	New London	Waterford
East Lyme	Brooklyn	Glastonbury	Hebron
Columbia	Windham	Scotland	Canterbury
Plainfield	Sterling	Marlborough	Lebanon
Old Lyme	Lyme	Essex	Deep River
Chester	Franklin	Sprague	Lisbon
Griswold	Voluntown	East Hampton	Colchester
Bozrah	Norwich	Preston	Durham
Old Saybrook	Westbrook	Clinton	Killingworth
Madison			

Telephone numbers were exchanged in case of last minute cancellations for texting.

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NEED: David Frazzinelli, Laurie Giannotti (DEEP), Fred Mastele numbers

EAC Meeting Dates for 2019 - 6:30 PM at CFPA Library -16 Meriden Rd., Rockfall

March 21, June 20, September 19, & December 12

Next meeting: March 21, 2019

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eric 2nd Meg at 7:34 pm.