



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2025
7:30 PM - TOWN HALL-ENFIELD ROOM
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga

Absent: None.

Also Present Stephen Hiney, Assistant Town Planner; Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary; and Megan Kelley; Member of the Public

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 12, 2025

MOTION by: Nancy Wyzga **seconded:** Kathleen Vose to approve the November 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: Michael Dynia.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Kelley shared upcoming workshops being held by the Connecticut Land Trust.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner LaPlante shared information related T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program where they are investing \$25 million in revitalization projects for small towns. 2026 is the last year of this program. She also shared information about an upcoming vernal pool project she learned about at the CACIWC conference. Commissioner Dynia shared information about the new state legislation regarding trout fishing. Chair Cote shared information from a workshop he attended held by Sustainable CT. He also spoke about CT Green Bank, which offers incentives and low-interest rate loans on energy-efficient heat pumps. The commissioners discussed this in further detail. Chair Cote plans to discuss this initiative with a few Town councilors.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared updates from the recent Economic Development Commission meeting. Commissioner Dynia shared updates from the Scantic River Watershed Association. The dates for the 2026 Superbowl hike and the Spring Splash. The elm tree across from Asnuntuck has been removed after a report was made to the Blight Department. Commissioner LaPlante shared a concern about a salt shed located before 504 Hazard Avenue.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ECC Goals

- Create a list of potential or valued open space parcels and establish a process for submitting open space parcels to Town Council for consideration and purchase
- Search for and submit a grant request for natural resources
- Creating a trail map
- Identify vernal pools

Chair Cote noted that he is working on creating the list of potential open space parcel. Hank Gruner, Biologist, spoke with Chair Cote and provided guidance related to natural resources. Mr. Gruner is interested in studying the vernal pools in Enfield and is willing to come speak to the Commission. Chair Cote is meeting with Laurie Whitten, Town Planner, next week to discuss budget requests. Commissioner Wyzga opined that it is not the appropriate time to search for an intern until there's a project to work on. Chair Cote asked all commissioners to search on Google Earth to look for vernal pools in Enfield.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. January 13, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, seconded: Nancy Wyzga to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary