

ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 8:14 pm

Fire Evacuation Announcement

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Sacerdote, and Commissioner Kober

Absent – Commissioner McGuire

Also Present – Georgie Driver - Staff and Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Public Participation – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of May 11, 2021 Commissioner Kober seconded by Commissioner Sacerdote – No discussion 8/0/0

POCD Update - Chair LaPlante gave out a working list – what strategies and actions does the ECC want to do – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall suggested partnering with the Northern Connecticut Land Trust to purchase and manage open space parcels. Commissioner Cote suggested that the ECC go over this list and come back to the next meeting with 3 to 5 recommendations – They would like to try to get our into goals into the POCD so development of land meets the POCD. New POCD goals have to be met when developing land. The ECC would like to define and enhance the goals. Items on the list discussed include wanting to stop dumping of tires and litter and they could possibly ask for more surveillance in certain areas. Commissioner Wyzga went to the Police Station to complain about trash that was left at the exit of 91 on Elm and when she went back it was picked up. Georgie suggested as a goal to have more staff to check open space and protected areas for littering. Commissioner Cote suggested an educational goal regarding trash/littering.

Control of invasive plants – protect residents from flood hazards by protecting wetlands and flood plains from development encourage the town to include flood prone properties within their open space acquisition program.

More hiking and biking trails – along green ways and open space

The ECC commissioners will come with 5 items each next month for discussion –

Open Space List –

Georgie will have the original list/updated list sent out to all Commissioners – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked about some tax sales that were to be deeded to the town. Chair LaPlante asked about the conservation easement on Hazard Avenue approved for development – no formal address – IWWA under 582 - Georgie will look it up.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

Chair LaPlante asked if anyone is up for reappointment please submit the paperwork.

Commissioner Cote is looking for an updated trail map. There is none right now but the Recreation Department is willing to help the ECC put a pamphlet together for the Town of Enfield. Alison (who now handles Recreation) stated that the Scantic trails are on the State's website. The ECC will put together established trails and submit them.

Hazardous Waste Collection – June 19, 2021 – 10 gallons or 10 pound limit. Chair LaPlante asked for volunteers to help that day with paperwork. 7:30/8:00 to 1:00 coverage. It is listed on public works website what can and cannot be taken. Commissioner Vose 10-12, Commissioner Dynia 8-10, Commissioner Cote 8-10.

Commissioner Dynia reported that the Town of Windsor partnered with the riverfront recapture and they have some new trails going along the CT River. They connect with the trails in Hartford (bike or hike).

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Cote reported – they started testing for E-coli in the Scantic River. So far all results are good.

A rail to trail discussion took place. The Town Council recently met with the DOT people involved in the rail lease but it was very difficult to understand some of the DOT people in the virtual meeting. Chair LaPlante asked Bill Cote if there was anything that he sees in the Enfield that would benefit from the rail line as he was familiar with rail transport from his previous job. He did not believe there was anything in that area that would benefit. The pipeline was also discussed regarding the bio-fuel.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday July 13, 2021 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Cote to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:01 pm