

ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Cote in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 7:42 PM

Roll Call

Chair Cote took the roll.

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

Absent – Commissioner Kober and Commissioner Vose

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

Public Participation – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of Tuesday November 9, 2021 was made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – 5/0/2 abstentions by Commissioner McGuire and Commissioner Sacerdote.

Correspondence All Commissioners: None.

Approval of Invoices or other financial matters: Commissioner LaPlante reported that the Neighborhood Assistance Act money was given out by the State. The ECC had put in an application and they sent out letters but did not get any donations. The Institute did get some money.

Report of Officers, Committees and Staff: Commissioner Dynia reported that the Scantic River Watershed held their annual meeting last night, December 13, 2021. It is usually at a location with a guest speaker but because of COVID restrictions they had a virtual meeting. They did invite the public through Facebook. They went over month by month highlights – The Garden Club gave a \$600 donation. They had full moon paddle in August. They did put up some new signs on some of the trails. Kirsten spoke about E-Coli and different programs going on. She is looking for some volunteers to do nutrient testing once a month at three or four locations. They recently found out the Scantic River has the highest nitrate level of any river in New England. Kirsten is looking for \$6,500.00 to replace a screen used for E-Coli which they are trying to raise. East Windsor is having their annual hike on New Years' Day at 1 pm in East Windsor off Melrose Road. There will probably be a Superbowl hike but not sure of the location as of yet. Scantic Spring Splash was discussed which will be on March 26 if it is held this year.

Unfinished Business:

POCD – This was tabled until next meeting.

Subcommittee update - Urban Forestry Grant – There was supposed to be a TIF meeting November 17th which got cancelled. Commissioner Cote did send an e-mail to Nelson Tereso and to Laurie Whitten. Nelson responded and is willing to help write the grant. Commissioner LaPlante asked about the land

(Elm and Shaker) and is the Town going to let them do it. Chair Cote read the response from Nelson. The grant is for up to \$37,000 with a 25% Town match – in-kind services can serve as a match. The next grant round is due February 2, 2022. The Town would be eligible for the grant due to the flooding from climate change.

The current question is the property on Elm and Shaker may not fit into the program requirements of climate change – if using flooding. The next TIF meeting is December 16, 2021. Chair Cote will try to meet with Nelson after the TIF meeting to discuss if they are using flooding, what parcel could they use for the project? Commissioner LaPlante asked about some private properties (Central and High Street) that may be eligible due to flooding.

Chair LaPlante reported that the Bacon Road project was approved.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday January 11, 2022 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Wyzga to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall – No discussion – 7/0/0 Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm