

MINUTES
ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, December 13, 2022, 7:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING in the Enfield Room
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

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1. Call to Order

Vice Chairwoman Karen LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Vose took the roll and present were Vice Chairwoman Karen LaPlante, Commissioners, Timothy McGuire, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga, and Phil Kober.

Absent: Commissioners, William Cote, Michael Dynia, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall

3. Approval of Minutes:

a) November 9, 2022

Commissioner Vose made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga, to approve the minutes from November 9, 2022.

Discussion by Commissioner McGuire, on the first page of the minutes, under Reports of Officers, Committees and Staff, Commissioner Dynia stated in the minutes, "There was someone from the Department of Agriculture which goes and to different lakes and ponds for sample of invasives" Commissioner McGuire believes he meant to say DEEP.

Motion Passed 3-0-2 Vote

Abstention by Commissioner Kober and Commissioner Kathleen Vose

4. Public Participation: None

5. Correspondence: Vice Chairwoman LaPlante stated that after the meeting last month she received correspondence from the Town Manager. In summary the correspondence from Town Manager Zoppo-Sassu was requesting information from the Commission regarding the need for Agricultural open space committee to create a list of parcels, and why they should be preserved. The committee would monitor and update the status of the parcels and communicate with Town Officials. Also are funds being raised for farmland preservation.

In summary, Vice-Chairwomen LaPlante responded to the Town Manager stating that the Agricultural and Conservation Commissions were both charged with identifying, monitoring, and reporting on open spaces and farmland preservation. The only outside funds received were when her father passed away, she asked for donations to be made to the Enfield Community Farmland Preservation.

Chairwoman LaPlante shared that they received a nice Thank you card from Karen regarding the gift card the Commission gave her.

6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Staff:

Commissioner Vose stated that she went to CACIW and attended three different presentations. She passed along some documents that she received, specifically one on open spaces.

Vice Chairwoman LaPlante stated that she attended a 50-year event on inland wetlands at the Rocky Hill Dinosaur Park.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. List of Natural Resources
- b. Table of Contents

The sub-committee met on the table of contents and came up with a draft, the document was shared with the members of the Commission. The sub-committee came up with things that they believed were important.

Commissioner Kober asked if portions were going to be divided up as chapters and have sub-committees created for each part. The discussion was that a couple of people would work on a chapter. In addition, asking outside soil scientists to assist in writing up the Natural Resources inventory. The document should just be a basic summary of the type of soil found in Enfield. Commissioner Kober suggested reaching out to experts that will do this type of thing pro bono or reach out to UCONN graduate students.

The Commission will continue to discuss this next month.

Chairwoman LaPlante discussed that the Scantic River Watershed had a meeting. She read the minutes from that meeting to the Commission. In summary, there was a film crew that went to the Scantic River to work on a documentary.

Commissioner Kober made a motion to add an item to the agenda; to discuss the calendar meeting dates for 2023, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga.

Motion passed by 5-0-0 Vote

The dates for the calendar are as follows: January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th, and January 9, 2024.

Commissioner Kober made a motion to approve the calendar as discussed, seconded by Commissioner Vose.

Motion passed by 5-0-0 Vote

8. New Business:

- a. List of Open Spaces

9. Next Meeting Date: January 10, 2023

10. Adjournment:

Commissioner Kober made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Vose.

Motion passed by 5-0-0 Vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Prepared by: Recording Secretary, Sandie Barone