



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2026
7:30 PM - Town Hall-ENFIELD ROOM
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Dean Syed

Also Rebecca Jones

Present:

Commissioner Dugas was seated as a voting member.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 14, 2026

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Karen LaPlante to approve the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Wyzga added that she also attended the Community Conversation, along with Commissioner Dugas.

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga to approve the April 14, 20236 meeting minutes as amended. **UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE**, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Karen LaPlante, Michael Dynia, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Nancy Wyzga
No: None Abstain: Kathleen Vose, Jeremy Dugas.

Commissioner Kelley arrived at 7:43pm

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner LaPlante shared the Peer Review, which she noted referenced conservation issues. Chair Cote read an email from the State's Urban Forestry department that included

a needs assessment survey. He encouraged all Commissioners to take the survey at their leisure. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared an update regarding the health of the trees planted with this grant. The Commissioners discussed tracking the trees that are donated by developers through the PZC approval process. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared an update about the tree donated in the memory of Roger Olson. Commissioner Dugas shared information about DEEP's Osprey Reporting program.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Commissioner Dynia stated that the Scantic River Watershed Association did not have their spring hike and have been busy clearing trails. Three new benches will be installed. East Windsor will have their hike on the weekend of June 6, 2026. There was no update from the Economic Development Commission. Chair Cote shared information related to the TIF Advisory Committee's facade grant program.

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 stated that he is traveling until June 1 and this will be discussed after his return.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and create a subcommittee to investigate environmental requirements for projects within Aquifer Protection areas

Commissioner Kelley spoke with the President of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council. She is willing to hold a Zoom call with the Commission to discuss their options. Chair Cote opined that a subcommittee should be formed to meet with her as soon as possible. He will send an email to the Commission with more details. The Commission discussed the potential to purchase open space.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. June 9, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante, seconded: Kathleen Vose to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary