



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 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 7:22pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Dean Syed, Megan Kelley

Also Jeffrey Arigoni, Assistant Town Planner; Christian D'Antonio, PZC Liaison

Present: and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 14, 2026

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante **seconded:** Michael Dynia to approve the July 14, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner LaPlante discussed a recent wetlands violation at 504 Hazard Avenue. Mr. Arigoni stated that it is under the PZC purview and will be discussed at a future meeting. Commissioner Dynia expressed concern that there are often vehicles parked near the brook. The Commissioners discussed other upcoming special permit and referral applications. Commissioner LaPlante encouraged the others to either speak or draft a letter regarding applications of interest, including a Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 8-24 referral for Longhollow Road.

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Michael Dynia to draft a letter to send to the

PZC by 2:00pm on Wednesday, September 9.

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

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Scantic River Watershed Association had a successful Full Moon hike. Commissioner Dynia shared updates related to trail cleanup. There will be a talk this month regarding the future of the Scantic River. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared an update from Economic Development Commission related to Restaurant Week. There will be a Small Business Passport program that will be presented to the Town Council on September 9th. There will be a Business Breakfast on October 1st and a DOT representative will be speaking. Two local businesses have applied for the TIF Committee's facade grant program. There has been extensive discussion related to the design aesthetic for downtown Thompsonville.

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 addressed concerns related to the Geographic Information System (GIS). The drafting of a list of natural resources is underway. He provided a brief update on each item and expressed the intention to discuss them in greater detail at a future meeting. Commissioner Dynia met with the Connecticut River Conservancy who toured a portion of the Scantic River and recommended that the Commission request hydrology reports from any applicant seeking to develop within the watershed region. Mr. Arigoni stated that a soil scientist report is required with every application. Commissioner LaPlante stated that the IWWC can hire their own expert is requested.

B. Report from subcommittee on Aquifer Protection area regulations

10. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Syed has resigned because he moved out of town. Next best steps were discussed.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. October 13, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante, seconded: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary