



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2024
7:30 PM - ENFIELD ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 8:19pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Paul Cote, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose

Absent: Michael Dynia , Nancy Wyzga

Also present was Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 11, 2024

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Karen LaPlante to table approval of June 11, 2024 meeting minutes to the September 10, 2024 meeting.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Paul Cote, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose No: None Abstain: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared a Hartford Courant article about hydrilla, an invasive plant that is causing problems in the Connecticut River, mainly south of Hartford. The commissioners discussed trying to find money through grants to repair their information post at the Thompsonville boat launch. This would be a great place to provide information to the public about the dangers of hydrilla. Commissioner LaPlante recommended that Chair Cote discuss this with the Economic Development Director during their upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall also shared an article highlighting CT Tree Protective Association, which has resources related to tree care, triage and removal. Commissioners discussed updating their website with new information related to ash borers and the spotted lantern flies. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall spoke with Ed McGuire, a local arborist, about coming to speak with the commission.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

The CACIWC annual renewals are due soon per Commissioner LaPlante. Chair Cote will email Laurie Whitten to ensure that their renewals are completed.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall explained that the recent Economic Development Commission was canceled due to a lack of quorum. She shared updates from Mr. Marcavitch shared via email. Chair Cote noted that there is nothing new from the Scantic River Watershed Association. There is an overgrowth of knotweed on the trails. There is a moonlight paddle scheduled for later this month. The Enfield police are currently patrolling Powder Hollow and regulating the parking.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Solar Farm - 141 Town Farm Road - Siting Council Hearing Update

The next hearing is in August.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. List of Open Space

Chair Cote was given approval from Planning staff to contact the Town Assessor and is waiting to hear back from their office. In the meantime, he received information from Karen related to open space. There still has been no update to the GIS system to assist in gathering this information. This is needed to be able to sort open space into appropriate categories. The commissioners discussed the possible acquisition of an unnamed parcel. It is on Chair Cote's list to speak with the Town Manager about.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. September 10, 2024

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 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary