



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2024
7:30 PM - ENFIELD ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 7:26pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also present was Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 9, 2024

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall **seconded:** Karen LaPlante to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported that there will be no Economic Development Commission meeting this month in lieu of a business breakfast being held at Asnuntuck followed by a job fair. There will be a Thompsonville visioning session in October. There are two Brownfield applications for both the mall property and the future Enfield Station apartments. She shared information about a proposed America 250 celebration. There is a private entity interested in forming a Main Street non-profit group, focusing on Thompsonville. Many of the grants that would benefit this project must be funneled through non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Dynia shared an update about the moonlight paddle, which was successful.

He shared other updates related to the watershed.

Chair Cote met with Aaron Marcavitch, Economic Development Director. Mr. Marcavitch will be applying for a grant to replace the information kiosk at the Thompsonville boat launch. There is a link about hydrilla on the Conservation Commission's website.

Commissioner LaPlante shared an article about the 2024 Master Wildlife Conservation Program, run by the DEP. They also provide free presentations to the public on a variety of topics. She suggested topics about Connecticut's changing landscape.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chair Cote did not have an update.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. List of Open Space

Commissioners will discuss this at the next meeting.

B. ECC Goals for 2024 - 2025

Chair Cote shared a list of goals and responsibilities as the Conservation Commission. In his review, he would like more knowledge on aquifer protection and suggested having someone come speak about it to the commissioners at a future meeting. Commissioner LaPlante suggested contacting someone from DEEP. The commissioners reviewed the other goals and responsibilities and how to move forward to actively look at parcels to preserve. Prior to this, he needs to meet with the Town Manager and/or the Mayor and about how to present this recommendation to the town for the purchase of open space. If a process can be created for open space, it can later be applied to farmland preservation.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. October 8, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, seconded: Michael Dynia to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary