



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2024
7:30 PM - ENFIELD ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 8:39pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Nancy Wyzga

Also present was Assistant Town Planner; Georgienna Driver, Assistant Town Planner; Stephen Hiney, and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 10, 2024

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to approve the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner LaPlante sent the commissioners an email regarding a discussion about solar panels on open space parcels at the September 16, 2024 Town Council meeting. She also shared an article about a business that was barred from operating due to its proximity to an aquifer protection zone.

Commissioner Dynia shared information related to hydrilla removal in the Connecticut River.

Chairman Cote explained that a group of national level planners will be holding a

Thompsonville visioning session October 21 and 22, 2024. He also asked that the Town renew their CACIWC dues. Ms. Driver shared information about the upcoming annual conference.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

The Economic Development Commission will be meeting next week. There was a business breakfast and job fair at Asnuntuck last week. The video broadcast is available on YouTube. There is a developer interested in the old Levitz property. If a development happens near the boat launch, it is Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall's opinion that the Conservation Commission should be involved as they are intimately acquainted with the location. The Scantic Watershed Association met last month, and they will be changing their grant. The water will be tested soon and will likely cost around \$3,600 per year. The Town contributed \$2,500.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The next hearing is in November.

B. ECC Goals for 2024-2025

Chair Cote tabled this item until the next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. List of Open Space

Chair Cote tabled this item until the next meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. November 12, 2024

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 9:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary

