



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2025
7:30 PM - ENFIELD ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga

Absent: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall

Also present were Assistant Planner, Stephen Hiney; and Recording Secretary, Rebecca Jones.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 14, 2025

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga to approve the January 14, 2025 meeting minutes.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Bill Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Town Council passed a resolution to authorize the Town to apply for a 'rail to trail' grant. Commissioner LaPlante shared information from her files regarding a transfer of town land to Troiano Properties. She found a clause that explained that a failure to receive a Certificate of Occupancy within 60 months of the transfer, the owner will pay the Town of Enfield the market value of the property. This was approved by PZC and Town Council in December 2017. Commissioner Dynia noted there has been progress on the Abbe Road path. Commissioner Wyzga shared an article about using wetlands infrastructure.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Scantic River Watershed Association did not hold the Superbowl hike due to snowy conditions. There will be a Spring Splash planning meeting later this week. The Economic Development Commission has not met and there has been no movement on the TIFs.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ECC Goals for 2025

Comissioner Dynia shared highlights from his research about vernal pools. A local herpetologist, Edward Pollock, met with the Andover, CT conservation commission to use advanced GIS imagery to identify vernal pools. The commissioners discussed contacting Mr. Pollock and the best way to identify vernal pools in town. Mr. Hiney shared information about how to use layers on the Town's GIS website.

Commissioner Wyzga reached out to Aaron Markavitch but has not yet heard back from him. The POCD is a great source of information and she shared information from a book received at CACIWC. Hank Gerner will meet with the commission to help brainstorm, find grant sources and how to analyze data received. The best course of action is for the commissioners to do it themselves. She received information from UConn about Jane Seymour, a wildlife management agent, who may be of assistance in locating grants. She also got information from the NRCS. UConn professors may have graduate students who would be willing to work with the commissioners to get maps and vernal pools. Chair Cote thinks that pursuing the graduate student would be the best idea.

Commissioner Vose identified 35 spots within the Historic District on Enfield Street that could use trees. She has not found any grant opportunities yet. Chair Cote asked if anyone had information related to the last grant received for tree planting. Commissioner LaPlante shared information about a trail app.

B. List of Open Space

Ms. Driver and Mr. Hiney worked together to create a preliminary map while the town updates the GIS software. Mr. Hiney would like the commissioners to work to define what their definition of 'open space' is.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. March 11, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Nancy Wyzga, 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 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary