



**MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 2025  
7:30 PM - TOWN HALL-ENFIELD ROOM  
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cote called the meeting to order at 8:13pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Also present was PZC liaison, Christian D'Antonio; and Recording Secretary, Rebecca Jones.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. April 8, 2025

**MOTION by:** Karen LaPlante **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT**

Commissioner LaPlante shared information about a land purchase in Killingly made by the State DEEP for open space preservation.

**7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

None.

**8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF**

Scantic River Watershed Association's last meeting was canceled due to connectivity issues. There is discussion of working with the Rotary Club on a river cleanup. The river was stocked last weekend but they are unsure if there will be another stocking before time

is up. The Town of Somers will be having a ZBA hearing related to an irrigation pond owned by Oakridge Dairy. Stream walks were discussed as they have been done in the past.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. ECC Goals for 2025**

- 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
- Identify a location in town that would benefit from planting trees
- Identify vernal pools in Enfield
- Elm/Shaker Community Garden project
- Creating a trail map

Chair Cote did not attend the last TIF meeting due to an ankle injury. He received an update from the meeting that Frank Troiano is seeking TIF funding for a project on Elm Street. He needs to add an extra turn lane, which would require about 2 million dollars in road improvements. Frank Salas is also planning a presentation for TIF funding. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked for an overview of TIF funding. Chair Cote explained its creation and function.

Mr. Marcavitch has a contact that can help provide guidance to the commissioners through the grant writing process for additional trees. Chair Cote stated that the commissioners need to confirm proposed locations for these trees. They discussed the 'equity zone'. Commissioner LaPlante shared a mailer from Eversource about ideal tree sizes.

Chair Cote will talk with Mr. Marcavitch related to the garden project the next day.

### **B. List of Open Space**

Chair Cote explained that a GIS update is needed to help obtain the appropriate information for this to move forward.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner LaPlante shared a copy of Suffield's Conservation Zone regulations. Ms. Whitten is taking these regulations out of the zoning regulations, which Commissioner LaPlante does not agree with. Ms. Whitten explained at a previous meeting that these are overridden by wetlands regulations and no longer valid. She shared Suffield's regulations with Commissioner D'Antonio.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

A. June 10, 2025

## 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 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose  
Secretary

Rebecca Jones  
Recording Secretary