



**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 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 8:16pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kathleen Vose

Also present were Stephen Hiney, Assistant Town Planner; Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary; and Christian D'Antonio, PZC liason.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 13, 2025

MOTION by: Nancy Wyzga **seconded:** Karen LaPlante to approve the May 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Megan Kelly, potential new member, was present for the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

None.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Commissioner Dynia shared an update from the Scantic River Watershed Association. He recently met with the Somers Open Space Committee. There is a section on Bailey Road with fallen trees that has been cleaned up.

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 reviewed the list of goals. DEEP has announced a grant called Trees for Communities. There will be an upcoming informational meeting on July 8, 2025. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, tree planting and maintenance, urban forest planning, workforce development, invasive species management, and forest restoration. Commissioners Pfeifer-Hall and LaPlante drove around town and identified potential locations for new trees. Chair Cote opined that no trees should be planted near Freshwater Pond until the development plan is further along. The commissioners discussed invasive species management and removing invasive species from town parks over the next five years. Commissioner Wyzga asked about a potential garden collaboration to renovate the open space behind Walgreens on Shaker Road. Ms. Kelly discussed her thoughts and agreed that collaborative approach with homeowners to combat bittersweet is ideal. Chair Cote discussed having work parties to remove the bittersweet and informational sessions for residents about invasive species. The commissioners agreed to

B. List of Open Space

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Session - Discuss Potential Open Space Parcels

MOTION by: Karen LaPlante **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to enter executive session at 8:43pm.

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

Executive session ended at 9:02pm. No votes were taken nor were any decisions made.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. July 8, 2025

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 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary