

Windsor Conservation Commission

APPROVED

October 25, 2016

Present: L. Chayes, D. Davis, M. Harvey, J. Klase, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich, ex officio, F. Parker

Absent: A. Beaudin, D. DeCarlo, N. Pepin

The meeting was brought to order at 7:11 p.m.

-New member, Jamie Klase, was introduced and welcomed by the Commission members.

-As Ford Parker's last meeting with the Commission, the members honored him with well wishes and appropriate gifts.

-Commissioner Chayes moved that the September 27th minutes be accepted, seconded by Commissioner Sachdev – approved unanimously. 5-0-1. Klase abstained as he is a new member effective at this meeting.

Old Business

-Awards for presentation at a Town Council meeting were discussed. Frank Davis will be added to the honorees. Chair Meg will request the conservation awards be presented at the December 5th town council meeting. It was agreed that the Mayor would present the bluebird boxes to the selected four (Priscilla Thrall Eatherton's will be presented to her granddaughters). If you wish specific comments for the honorees, submit verbiage to Meg as soon as possible. Ford will designate placement of the bird boxes at Northwest Park, should the recipients opt to have theirs placed at the park. In his absence, Jeff Boglisch, Park Maintainer, will be in charge of carrying out the plan.

- Commissioner Chayes gave us an update on the Climate Change Forum to be held on Tuesday, November 15th at Northwest Park from 6:30-8:30. Speakers are Kip Kolesinskas, Conservation Scientist and Dr. Mark Mitchell, Commissioner of Environmental Health. Lea will also look into possibly adding a third speaker. She will contact Town Hall to inquire about the individual who was charged with creating an emergency preparedness program.

Chair Meg will send invites to Town Hall personnel. Ann will compose a press release for the print media. Dave has placed information on social media. All advertising avenues will be accounted for.

Around the table:

-Chair Meg requested input from members regarding convenient monthly meeting dates, times, days for the upcoming 2017 year. Meg will also contact Tom Hazel from Town Hall to speak at the next meeting.

-Colette would like to anchor a date for the Invasive Species Forum. March 15/16 was chosen. She will convey this to the Garden Club.

-Ford urged the Commission to communicate with the Friends of Northwest Park who are hoping to change the park name from Northwest Park and Nature Center to Northwest Park and Nature *Preserve*. In addition, he suggested that we work with the group on a Land Management Plan and comprehensive park inventory.

- Neill is pleased with our efforts in continuing to educate the public as a means to effect necessary change.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.