

**Windsor Conservation Commission**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**September 25, 2018**

**Present:** A. Beaudin, D. DeCarlo, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; liaison, T. Hazel

**Absent:** L. Chayes, J. Klase

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Pepin made a motion to accept the May 29<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by D. DeCarlo and passed unanimously – 5.0.0

**Forums:**

Topics for consideration for the 2018-2019 year's forums were discussed.

-It was agreed that the first would focus on areas of recycling and would perhaps be entitled *Pollution and Plastic: The Last Straw* to be held at the Windsor Arts Center pending availability. Neill and Colette will work on this for a tentative date of Wed., November 7<sup>th</sup>.

-*Who is Buying OUR Water* will be planned for the second session to be hammered out by Ann and Nigel for Feb., 2019 at the Windsor Library.

-Next in line for a date in April, *Littering, Stopping Street Garbage – Costly to Our Health and Wallets*. Dom, James and Lea have been assigned to organize this event.

- Ending with a program *Meet and Greet: An Evening with Windsor Farmers and Locally Grown* in June. Ann, Neill and Colette will spearhead this forum. It was suggested that the CC partner with the Windsor Historical Society and hold the event at the society.

**Achievements input:**

Ann and Colette expressed their desire to get more young people involved in conservation. Ann will be representing the commission when speaking about conservation to the Episcopal Church members in Windsor center in October. She suggested education programs to present to school and church groups, as well as seniors. Tom shared how unsuccessful he was in getting into Windsor public schools. A possible entre into Loomis/Chaffee may be via Chamber connections.

**Photo Contest**

Reviving our photo contest was discussed – 2 different divisions – Adults would be one category and Jr. High & High School students another (grades 7-12). Nigel mentioned that we would receive more entries if we allowed internet submissions. Perhaps Tom can broker a deal to have one of the winner's photo on the cover of the spring issue of "There's a Lot to do in Windsor" which is mailed to every Windsor household. Medina Academy would also be included in participating. Prizes, judges, photo sizes, guidelines, display areas plus additional details will be hammered out at a later date.

Colette suggested giving people conservation words and having people interpret them via photos; i.e. Open Space, Recreation, Spring, Parks, etc. She also suggested commiserating with the Historical Society as they have conducted Photo Contests in the past. They would more than likely share the intricacies of running an online contest.

**Legislation and State Lands**

Ann will report on legislation regarding water quality and climate change at a later date. There will be a question on the November ballot regarding protection of public lands. Colette

suggested Ann write an article for the JI and Windsor Journal on this issue as a public information article.

**New Business**

-Tom reported that \$1 million has been granted to connect the river trail from the Hartford Boat House to the East Barbour Boat Ramp.

-Ann will be assisting in planning the CACIWC conference on November 17<sup>th</sup> and asked if any Commission members would like to attend. Nigel is interested.

- Ann emphasized that members should make a genuine commitment to attend the CC meetings as there are only seven scheduled and much to be accomplished.

Presently, there are 2 full time vacancies and 3 alternates needed.

-Shad Derby – Neill thought it would be an added value during the Shad Derby festivities for someone to get on the stage and talk about the rivers and shad. Nigel would be the appropriate person.

- Nigel gave a brief report on the *Traditions* property recently acquired. Two public meetings were held. The sentiment is that the land be used for passive recreation with walking trails. The house on Mack Street, which is part of the package, is slated to be donated to WILA.

Tom said that stream restoration is planned in several areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary