

**Windsor Conservation Commission**  
**November 27, 2018**

**Present:** A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, J. Klase, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; liaison: T. Hazel

**Absent:** D. DeCarlo

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes from October 30<sup>th</sup> were amended by T. Hazel to read *Great Pond* where it appeared as *Grey Pond* (under the heading INPUT). A motion was made by N. Sachdev and seconded by L. Chayes to accept the amended minutes. Voted on and approved 6-0-0.

Chair Ann congratulated the chairs of the Nov 14<sup>th</sup> "Plastics" forum.

Discussion ensued on how to improve advertising future programs.

- Eblast info on town website including all town employees
- Place on CC website
- Lawn Signage distributed throughout town (Tom will review costs this with Sinsigalli)
- Windsor Patch
- Submit on Windsor Art Center instagram page
- Windsor CT Community Forum - Facebook
- Post flyers in apartment complex behind town hall
- Distribute flyers in strategic places around town (Lea created a checklist which she will share at the next meeting.)
- General notice in "There's A Lot To Do In Windsor" booklet (Tom will consult with Enita)
- Senior Newsletter
- Publish a notice in the JI, Courant, & Windsor Journal
- Try to get WIN TV to tape

Ann, Nigel and Tom attended the CACIWC Conference and reported on several of the highlights.

Chair Ann talked about the seminar on climate change - attributed to both natural and manmade activities causing flooding, rising temperatures, fires and arctic shrinking, among other things. The push is to save more open space and wetlands which are considered the "lungs of the earth". She emphasized that only 7% of young people were actively involved in the environment.

Ann also mentioned that the National Land Trust Council is proposing a bill that would compel the buyer of a property valued in excess of \$150,000 to pay an additional 1% of the purchase price. The 1% revenue would be placed in a dedicated fund. This would qualify towns for grants, in an attempt to maintain their character. This evidently has worked in other states. Ann gave an example in Warwick, New York where over 3,000 acres were saved. Also, it is felt that the state is over developed and towns should be encouraged to recycle existing vacant buildings rather than engage in new construction. There was also a live DRONE demonstration.

Nigel talked about the apps available for virtual tracking and reporting.

**2019 Forums:**

The general opinion was that time did not allow to organize a forum for Jan, 2019.

Feb – (2-20 or 21) Save Our Water. Topic will focus on MDC’s water residential rate hike and favoring Niagra Bottling Plant. Venue – Windsor Library

April – (4-10) Landscaping for Conservation – organized by Jamie and Lea. Getting the most nutrition from your garden will also be incorporated into the program. Venue -Library

May – (5-25) E-Cycle in conjunction with Shad Derby (always the third Sat in May).

June – (6-26) Farming presented in conjunction with Windsor Historical Society.

Nigel announced that the final report on the Millbrook property will be presented at the December 17<sup>th</sup> town council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jamie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Nigel.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich  
Secretary