

Windsor Conservation Commission

Dr. Primus Room

November 26, 2019

Draft Minutes

Present: A. Beaudin, B. Canoni, L. Chayes, D. DeCarlo, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; Ex Officio, T. Hazel

Absent: J. Klase

Chair Beaudin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Chayes motioned to accept the minutes from October 29th, seconded by Commissioner Sachdev: carried unanimously 7.0.0

- Thoughts on upcoming programs were shared: Pet Safety (fall is the best timing), Sunrise Movement, Clean Water associated with PFAS (possibly in the fall), Climate Change, Growing a Greener Garden (could be paired with pollinators and fertilizer usage), What's Happening in our Farming Community, Talking Trash (Landfill update, costs associated with littering, plastic bag impact, Poquonock Ave purification plant)
- The next forum was discussed as it will be upcoming in Feb. - The Sunrise Movement was selected and will be scheduled for Mon, Feb 24th, 2020 at Windsor Library from 7-8. Tom will secure the date with the Library. This is a youth movement whose thrust is to energize people to protect the environment and to highlight climate change issues in order to prompt action. Ann will contact Sena Wazar and an associate Mitch, as well as Rep. Bobby Gibbons as the panel of speakers.
- Colette and Dominic will work together on the Farming Forum. Neill will work on Pet Safety forum.
- CACIWC – Brian, Ann and Tom spoke briefly on the topics addressed at the conference which focused on conservation and environmental protection during the past 50 years and the areas needing state attention. DEEP's Commissioner Dykes plans for CT "0 Carbon" emissions by 2024. CAPS Program (Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey) IDs pests as threats to US farms and the environment. Topics included but not confined to: forest management, carbon storage, wind energy, climate change, reducing greenhouse gases, water quality, infrastructure, stormwater regulations, fish habitats and much more. Tom encouraged members to access the DEEP website for extensive information.
- Re the CC budget... Commissions budgets are pooled and therefore difficult to arrive at a definitive sum.
- Tom brought samples of recycle bags for consensus. The cloth bag was selected. Tom will have wording and logo designs available at the next meeting.
- Suggestions were made for the Recognition Awards: several names were mentioned. Criteria will be discussed at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Colette Yeich, Secretary