

Windsor Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes
February 25, 2020
Dr. Primus Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Present: A. Adams, B. Canoni, L. Chayes, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; ex officio, Todd Sealy

Absent: A. Beaudin, D. DeCarlo, J. Klase

A motion was made by Lea to accept the January 28th minutes, seconded by Neill; passed unanimously 5-0-1 (new member A. Adams abstained)

Opinions on last evening's forum entitled "Youths Combating Climate Change" were exchanged. In general, well received; good information disseminated; audience engagement; however more structure with moderator and mention of more action items was recommended. Emphasis was on communicating with representatives Sanchez and McCrory and submitting testimony.

- Colette will poll several attendees for program feedback. Nigel suggested feedback sheets distributed to future audiences inclusive of suggestions for other programs.
- Todd handed out copies of the fiscal year CC budget. Colette asked if the printing of colored posters and other advertising was charged against our account. \$18.00 is charged for the changes made to the outdoor sandwich board.
- A discussion ensued on the canvas recycle bags - Colette will follow up on contacting ProPro for pricing and set up charges. Verbiage on bag will be the slogan "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" plus our logo in one color. Neill suggested that we order 100 and use them as rewards - i.e. for speakers, audience participation, etc.
- Lea mentioned that the Library has a button making machine that can be used free of charge. She will access the logo online and try her hand at it.
- Awards – Due to budget expenditures, we will concentrate on the canvas bags and reduce the number of awards from three to one for John Karas, Editor of the Windsor Journal. A tree will be obtained and planted possibly at Northwest Park – Nigel will contact the appropriate individuals. He will try to get the tree gratis. Around Earth Day is the target date - to be presented possibly at a Town Council Meeting.

Next forum topic: PFAS – it was determined that around Shad Derby (May 16th) would be good timing. Nigel will contact Town Health Director, Mike Pepe for the status on the State PFAS Report and to ask if he will act as a panelist. The commission was advised to wait until the report from the state was published to avoid any misinformation.

Suggestions for panelists include: Mike Pepe from Town Hall, Paula Jones from Save Our Water (or perhaps she has a contact who can serve on the panel). Nigel to seek out the third panelist via his workplace. Another suggestion – a representative from Bradley Field.

- A disclaimer statement should appear on all CC program advertising.
- Todd will contact the library to inquire about available dates in May.

Round Table

- Neill requested that Nigel speak at Shad Derby – topic to be determined.

Neill also suggested one day of activity such as clean up as well as our commitment to host one forum per quarter annually.

- Lea shared her idea to convert some of the macadam parking lots in town to sustainable tree planting areas. i.e. Windsor Shopping Center. Possibly network/team up with other organizations to get started. March agenda item. Lea also would like to see the *Pink Bags* Movement implemented in Windsor. March agenda item.
- Colette would like to see a cleanup day reinstated.
- Todd announced that two candidates were interviewed to replace the Environmental Officer.
- Neill would like the Commission to consider changing the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. March agenda item.
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary
Windsor Conservation Commission