

Windsor Conservation Commission

May 26, 2010

Via Zoom

Draft Minutes

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

Present: A. Adams, A. Beaudin, B. Canoni, L. Chayes, J. Klase, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; Ex officio Emily Perko

Absent: D. DeCarlo, N. Pepin

-Neill motioned for the February 25th minutes be approved, seconded by Jamie. Approved unanimously 7-0-0.

-Emily reported that the commission has \$410 remaining in the budget and \$560 for next fiscal year.

-The plaque acknowledging the gift of a tree to Windsor Journal Editor and Staff was discussed. It was thought that a plaque on a short stand would be suitable to complement the tree. Colette will contact Professional Promotions to see if that product is available. The remaining monies will be appropriated for canvas recycle bags.

A motion was made by Lea to use the remaining budget to purchase the plaque and the canvas bags, seconded by Jamie and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

-Lea would like the "Pink Bag" system instituted in Windsor – Windsor Locks and South Windsor are currently participating in this program. Basically – Pink Bag supplies plastic bags to households; people fill the bags with old clothes, rags or other textiles; the filled bags are then collected on recycling day. This saves the town landfill and the textiles are recycled and put to good use. Lea is awaiting feedback from the organization and will stay on top of this project.

-E-Cycle was proposed for September and will be predicated on the virus statistics/reports. Neill will contact the company to find out the particulars.

-Ann would like the conservation momentum to continue by sponsoring brief information sessions with the help of WIN TV or via Webinar/Zoom. She was recently in contact with Jenny at WIN TV who revealed that all programs were prerecorded. The format proposed would include soliciting questions from viewers/community which a panel of experts would answer. Possibly 1-2 speakers with a Zoom meeting format. Can use experts from town or out of town. Lea suggested the topic of banning the use of Styrofoam in Windsor. Neill suggesting addressing immediate concerns with one expert – a 5-10 minute program. The Public Health Department could be of help – namely, Matthew Bratoli from Windsor's Health Department. Ann and Neill will work together to make this happen.

-Ann suggested a Winter Farmer's Market possibly at Northwest Park. First Town Downtown will be resuming their open market in July in the center of town. The commission could potentially partner with FTDT to see if there is interest, on the part of the farmers, in extending the market into the winter months. Ayse will contact Northwest Park administrators. Colette

will work with another CC member in contacting the local farmers as well as those participating in the Windsor Center market, to see if there is interest and, more importantly, marketable produce during that time of year. Thoughts were that the market would run from November to the January timeframe, however, flexibility endures. Possible products: maple syrup, Christmas trees, honey, root vegetables, apples, etc.

Colette motioned that the Commission pursue forming a Winter Farmer's Market, seconded by Neill, passed unanimously 7-0-0. Neill will supply Colette with a list of farms that are participating in this summer's FTDT market.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich,
Secretary,
Conservation Commission