

Conservation Commission

Zoom Meeting

June 30, 2020

Present: A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, Ayse, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich, ex officio E. Purko

Absent: J. Klase

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Nigel to accept the minutes from May 26, seconded by Neill, approved unanimously.
5.0.0 (Chayes present at 7:15)

The plaque honoring the Windsor Journal team is in the works and will probably be ready about a month from today.

Neill reported that he had a conversation with Jane Garibay from First Town Downtown and Sharran Selig, acting president of the organization, and they are amenable to discussing the particulars of a winter farmers market. Neill suggested that we might have man-on-the-street interviews at the market which is scheduled to begin this Thursday July 2nd to air on WIN TV. This should be coordinated with Jenny from WINTV and the players mentioned above.

Ayse emailed Marilyn Smith, Northwest Park director asking for permission to hold the winter farmers market there. She also noted that Ellington has a winter market every other week starting on November 19th and continuing until February.

Ann has a list of Windsor farms which she will share with the group. She would like contact to be made prior to the next meeting on July 21st at 7:00 p.m. Colette suggested that we adapt Ayse's well worded letter (that she penned to Northwest Park) to solicit farmers for the winter market.

E-Cycle will take place on Saturday, September 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Advertising will consist of articles in newspapers, flyers, posters, and sandwich board on the green. The banner will also be displayed.

Farms inventory – Colette suggested that we use Priscilla Eatherton's comprehensive inventory to update our farm research. All members will work on collecting data.

Ann reported that CACIWC is concentrating on wetlands preservation/protection, the "lungs of the earth." Nigel and Ann will work on researching wetlands in Windsor and their importance.

Neill is concerned about the litter, especially the random discarding of masks and gloves in public places. He urged us to ascertain a CDC speaker to answer a series of questions – producing a program to share on Zoom. Ann spoke about the litter sign on Cook Hill Road and questioned whether there were others in town and how we could get additional signage to discourage littering. Neill will provide discussion points for the next meeting on the impact of litter on the ecosystem and runoff.

Possible winter market venues include: Commuter lot at the Windsor Art Center (Neill), Northwest Park (Ayse), Brown's Harvest (Colette).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich Secretary Windsor Conservation Commission