

Windsor Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes of July 21, 2020

Zoom meeting

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

Present: A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, N. Sachdev, C. Yeich; ex officio, E. Perko

-Lea motioned to accept the minutes from the July meeting, seconded by Neill, passed unanimously. 5.0.0

-New budget spending depends on COVID status. Forums may have to be placed on hold indefinitely.

-Lea felt that T-shirts with WCC logo would be an asset when at public events. Lea will research and also experiment with making buttons at the library. Tote bags for distribution at various venues are also a consideration.

Short educational programs could be developed for use in schools during this time with zoom classes in evidence.

-Winter Farmer's Market – Ann spoke with Jane Garibay from First Town Downtown regarding a winter market. As a result, Ann developed a survey to be distributed to the existing participants in the summer market and she will reach out to out-of-town growers as well.

Colette contacted Brown's for participation and a possible venue to hold the market. Negative on both ends. They have neither produce nor products to sell in the cold months. Their barns and farm buildings are not suitable for a marketplace.

Ayse reported on Northwest Park: the warming shed is used for cross country skiing. Could be used until the end of the year, however, the wood burning stove would need to be monitored by a newly hired staff member. She also inquired about the former Millbrook Gold Course clubhouse, but does not know the disposition of the building.

Ann mentioned a building on 430 Windsor Avenue that should be looked into further.

Colette suggested the Oliver Ellsworth Homestead building.

In addition to produce, items that could be sold might include maple syrup, honey, jams, jellies, soap, bread, baked goods, etc.

A survey will also be developed to seek public interest via the internet and with the help of First Town Downtown.

-E-Cycle is set for September 5th. Several press releases will be sent out: one in the first week in August and another the week before the event. Emily will track down the sandwich board and also the banner. Flyers will be generated and Lea is amenable to distributing them. Plaza windows are also available for advertising and possibly placing the notice on the marquee contingent upon existing letters. WIN-TV spots a possibility as well.

-Ann contacted the town manager regarding the WCC website which is outdated. Emily will explore.

-Litter and trash: Neill is willing to work on a WIN-TV program with the town sanitarian, Matt. Commission members are asked to submit questions to Neill ASAP. "No Littering" signs around the town are sparse and enforcement seems to be questionable. Timing is ripe for addressing health and environmental issues associated with litter.

Ann will write something up prior to the program airing.

-thoughts on recruitment ensued. Difficult to solicit volunteers during this pandemic.

-Colette will bring Priscilla Eatherton's Farm inventory to Emily to be scanned and distributed via email.

At 7:50, Neill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lea. Motion passed 5.0.0

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich,
Secretary