**Windsor Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes, Zoom meeting

October 28, 2020

**Pesent:** A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, N. Pepin, N. Sachdev, T. Young, C. Yeich; Ex officio, E. Perko

**Absent:** J. Klase

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

-Commissioner Pepin motioned to accept the September 29th minutes, seconded by Commissioner Young, carried unanimously – 6.0.0 (N. Sachdev 7:40)

-New member, Commissioner Young shared her interest in being a part of the Commission.

Forum suggestions:

-Colette reported that both she and Neill had difficulty putting the program on PPE together, but will persist. She will phone Dr. Pepe to discuss if he would be amenable to participating in a program on PPE and another on Litter.

-Rainbow Reservoir – both algae and water levels were being questioned. Tammy will drive by to check on level and Colette will call Dr. Pepe to inquire about algae bloom. The question of who now runs the hydro electric power plant was raised. Chair Ann will contact DEEP.

-Farms – farmer, Herb Virgo, located 183 Windsor Avenue (near the entrance to Kenny Park) would make an interesting program. Nigel toured the property recently. Of interest - raised-beds combined with a rain-garden linked to solar panels that provide the energy to cycle the water-feed to the beds. Lea felt that we should partner with the Garden Club on this program.

-Winter Farmers’ Market – Neill reported First Town Downtown and the Commission have agreed to run a winter market at the Art Center for three months beginning in November (2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month) from 10-2 p.m. Protocols will be drafted and administered. A limit of 25 people in the building at once will be instituted. Names and emails will be collected for contact tracing purposes if needed (hopefully not).

-Sponsoring a photo slide show entitled “Great places, Outdoor Spaces” was discussed. In this time of isolation and anxiety, it might add some levity to the routine to take pictures of a favorite outdoor nature spot. This would run throughout the month of November. Limit to one favorite photo with photographer’s name and ID of the photo submitted. Submissions would be sent to Emily Perko at Perko@townofwindsorct.com and she would compile them into a slide show to be viewed on WIN TV (? -CY will inquire at town hall) and on the website. It would be promoted on the website and newspaper.

-Ann will send press releases regarding the Photo Share and the Winter Farmers’ Market to members for comments, corrections, adjustments, additions. She would like responses ASAP.

-Emily will send us an updated open space map.

-Lea will complete her research on the plastic bags and park bench.

-CC Website – if we list the items we want and send them to Emily, she will place them on our website.

-CACIWC - Will take place virtually, this year, due to COVID, either at the end of November or beginning of December. Scheduled to begin early in the a.m. and run until noon. The cost is $25.00 per person. Emily said that we have the budget to pay for members to attend.

At 8:15 Lea motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Neill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich,

Secretary