**Windsor Conservation Commission**

via Zoom

November 24, 2020

Draft Minutes

**Present:** A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, J. Henry, N. Pepin, B. Robinson, N. Sachdev (7:45),

C. Yeich, T. Young; Liaison: E. Perko

**Absent:** J. Klase

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

 Chair Ann welcomed new members Julie Henry and Brad Robinson. Both expressed reasons for joining the commission.

Nigel motioned to accept the October 27th minutes, seconded by Ann. Accepted unanimously 6-0-0.

**Suggestions for WCC online forums beginning in February**

After much discussion, three forums were agreed upon:

* Healthy Lawns, Healthy Gardens for early March
* *Invasive vs. Native Plants* presented by new CC member Brad Robinson for May/June timeline (Brad suggested to hold it at the Wilson Boat Launch where invasive plants are abundant)
* *Wildlife Gardens* in September

Ann inquired about the status of PFAS forum that was discussed at previous meetings. Nigel reminded us that we were waiting for the state report. He will pursue this further.

**PPE & Litter short programs**

 Colette contacted Dr. Pepe, Windsor Health Director, to ask if he would participate in two brief Q & A programs, one on PPE and another on Litter. Although he has a compressed schedule due to Covid related issues, he is willing to carve out time to tape these programs for airing on Windsor’s local access station. A series of questions was sent to him and we are awaiting his response.

**Remaining open space**

Emily has been targeting areas to consider for grants. A webpage on littering is in the works. Scheduling town clean-up days are also being considered. Due to the pandemic, much has been put on hold.

**CACIWC’s** annual seminars/workshops will take place virtually on December 5th. Emily will look into whether the town will pay the $30.00 per member fee.

Winter farmer’s market will not take place as it was deemed too risky during this difficult time.

Colette inquired on the status of the plastic bag collection program. Emily reiterated the qualifications for acquiring the plastic bench sponsored by TREX. Five hundred pounds of #2 plastic bags, equivalent to 40,500 plastic bags, must be collected within a 6-month period (which began on Nov. 11th). TREX would provide the collection boxes.

Ideas included…

Boxes could potentially be placed at the Library, Geissler’s, Town Hall.

Promote via WIN TV and WHS

Loomis could be tapped to participate

Set up collection agents in neighboring towns

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich

Secretary,

Conservation Commission