

Windsor Conservation Commission

Via Zoom

June 3, 2021

Draft Minutes

Present: A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, J. Henry, S. LeGendre, N. Pepin, B. Robinson, T. Young, C. Yeich; ex officio, Todd Sealy

Absent: J. Klase

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Nigel motioned to accept the May 25th minutes, seconded by Chair Ann, approved unanimously 9.0.0

-Chair Ann reported that the CC Recognition Awards were delivered and well received. The Windsor Library will display theirs in the entryway.

-Chair Ann emphasized the importance of attending CC meetings and reviewed the attendance rules that govern town boards and commissions. Additionally, it is incumbent upon each member to contribute to the purpose and mission of protection and improvement of the environment. With this stated, it was felt that perhaps Commissioner Klase did not have the dedication to this commission – thus, necessitating a vote to vacate his position. Ann motioned, seconded by Lea; carried unanimously 9.0.0

- The remainder of the CC budget will be spent on a ½ page advertisement in the Windsor Journal outlining our accomplishments and our mission. Colette suggested using an area at the end of the ad to announce the next Forum with Gordon Kenneson. Ann will write it up and send it to all for approval.

- Gordon Kenneson will present *Healing Plants* at the Windsor Historical Society on Saturday, June 26th. The time is yet to be anchored.

-Brad will lead a group on the (Bissell Bridge Boat launch) river walk on Saturday, June 13th - invasive plants will be the topic.

- Colette is anticipating the “No Littering” signs to be delivered this week and will alert members to either pick up or to be delivered to.

- It is Chair Ann’s wish that members form teams and select a specific topic that they are willing to work on – i.e., farmland preservation, open space preservation, littering.

Tammy is interested in further investigating Tree City designation. Todd spoke with the Town Manager regarding this topic and will continue to follow up. Tammy will email the requirement details.

-Chair Ann has been in contact with Sena Wazer from the Sunrise Movement and she is interested in a future presentation in September or October on climate change.

-Another E-Cycle Day will take place September 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

-Please review the CC website and make suggestions for additions, subtractions, suggestions, etc.

-Commissioner Lea praised the Millbrook walk led by Commissioner Robinson. She suggested many improvements to be made such as signage for trees, plants, trail markers, steep hills, littering, poison ivy, and more. This would be a good project for the Explorers or the Eagle Scouts. She suggested posting pictures of the box turtles, birds, and other wildlife on the CC website. This may generate interest in the park. It was stated that this is more of a Nature Preserve than a park. Nigel had suggested forming a "Friends" group, similar to the one at Northwest Park.

Ayse spoke about the CT River Coastal and Conservation District's 24-page booklets entitled *Invasive Plants in Your Backyard* and suggested that we obtain copies for distribution. She will follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich,
Secretary