

**Windsor Conservation Commission Zoom Meeting  
April 26, 2022 Draft Minutes**

**Present:** A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, T. Young, S. LeGendre, B. Robinson, C. Yeich; ex officio C. Thompson

**Absent:** J. Henry, N. Pepin

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Minutes:** Ayse corrected the March 29<sup>th</sup> minutes as follows: *Annie Hornish* (spelling corrected); and, under New Business item b. Article proposals: *J. Henry* on plants for insects (not T. Young). Tammy moved to approve the March 29<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended, seconded by Brad; passed 5.0.1 (C. Yeich abstained).

**Old Business**

- **Invasive Species** A Zoom Forum will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Brad Robinson is the speaker. He will also give an Invasive Species “walk along” on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bissel Boat Launch at 1 p.m. Commissioners are encouraged to send notices to their personal email addresses and any other outreach that is effective. Brad will write up a description and send it to members for publication purposes.
- **Virtual Composting Presentation** will take place at 7 p.m. on June 21<sup>st</sup>. As previously noted, please make every effort to pass the word along.
- **Protecting Wildlife Forum** – Brad suggested this be postponed until February or March as the timing may be more appropriate. Chair Ann suggested that we at least get the word out on proper precautions to take when encountering or sighting wildlife as we continue to lose natural animal habitats due to the considerable amount of building going on in town. Tammy has photos that can be used to accompany articles published in the Journal; WCC and the Chamber websites; and WINTV. Chair Ann has volunteered to pen an article.
- **E-Cycle Day** - Ann will confirm the date in September. (Either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon).
- **Shad Derby** (May 21<sup>st</sup>) After much discussion, it was decided to forego presence at this event due to lack of materials for distribution. In the past we have had a bean bag throw for children (a large board with strategically placed holes and covered with a display of recyclables). Several commissioners have volunteered to reach out to see if it can be retrieved.
- **Climate Change Forum** – Chair Ann will contact the Sunrise Movement organization to check on their availability for an October forum.
- **Wonder of Windsor Contest** – The consensus was to place this on September’s agenda for further discussion.

As an aside, Chair Ann reported that the Town Council was very appreciative of all that the CC has accomplished this past year when she presented the Annual Report to the Council.

- **Educating Youth on Conservation and Environment** – The high school will be contacted to see if there is an avenue, via a club or course offering, to get information on the environment to students. Producing a video was suggested. Several commissioners would like to see youth involvement in our efforts.
- **WCC Articles** – Commissioner Young expressed a desire to write a case study about the new geo-thermal system that she has had installed in her home. However, she is on the staff of Dandelion Energy, the company who installed the unit, and wanted feedback on the ethics of this idea as a member of the commission. There are a number of features in the system that would lend itself to interesting science lessons. If it is written without partiality, with full disclosure, and outlining the pros and cons, the commission members approved.
- **Budget** – this year’s budget of \$560 has not been tapped, so far. Two suggestions were made. **1.** T—shirts with the CC logo. Colette will work on this. **2.** Posters announcing upcoming programs: Invasive Species – June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> presented by Brad; June 18<sup>th</sup> Virtual Composting presented with the Garden Club; and the E-Cycle event in September. Lea will post the notices in different locations. Ann will draft the poster.

#### **New Business**

**Open Space** - Chloe was kind enough to define open space vs. undeveloped land once again. It would be beneficial to inventory remaining undeveloped land so that we could have a sense of what we want to preserve; help look for grants; and help keep land undeveloped.

**Recognition Awards** – Nominations included: Bill Hastings for continuing to raise tobacco and maintain a beautiful farm on Kennedy Road and Pierce Boulevard; Nancy Beaudoin, Head of the Monarch Butterfly project at Northwest Park (see the photo display in the CVS windows); and John Dunn who is a conservation advocate and often speaks to that issue at town meetings. Colette will look into frames for the award certificates.

Ann motioned that we give recognition awards to Bill Hastings, Nancy Beaudoin, and John Dunn, seconded by Lea; approved unanimously 7.0.0

#### **Misc.**

-Lea inquired about the status of fabric collecting. Chloe made the group aware that material is now collected at the land fill. Lea was concerned that we could receive money for every bin collected with the agency she had suggested, plus the fabric would be recycled into other products.

-Ann announced legislation had passed that all new vehicles, as of July 1, 2022 must comply with emissions standards.

-Lea was concerned about the leachate at the landfill which was discovered to contain minerals, other than iron. Chloe responded that it is on the town’s radar.

At 8:56, Brad moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Colette.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary