

**Windsor Conservation Commission**  
**June 28, 2022 Draft Minutes**

**Present:** A. Adams, L. Chayes, T. Young, N. Pepin, B. Robinson, C. Yeich; ex officio C. Thompson

**Absent:** A. Beaudin, J. Henry, S. LeGendre

The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Nigel Pepin at 7:05

The minutes from May's meeting were delayed and will be available for approval in September.

**Old Business**

*Composting Forum with Garden Club* - Dr. Li's composting event was well received and praised. Commissioner Young will draft a letter of thanks to Dr. Li.

*Climate Change Awareness* – Ann is in communication with Sena from the Sunrise Movement to anchor a date for a forum. The question is whether the presentation should be in person, hybrid, or Zoom. November

*E-Cycle* – It was thought that this event was scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00. Nigel will connect Ann to inquire about the signage, posters and general advertising. Also check on ownership of sandwich board.

Volunteer schedule is as follows:

9-10 a.m. Colette; 10-11 a.m. Nigel; 11-12 Tammy; 12-1 p.m. – Ayse. Nigel will connect Ann to inquire about the signage, posters and general advertising. Check on ownership of sandwich board.

Chloe has not heard feedback from the letter sent regarding water chestnuts.

**New Business**

*Invasive Species Education* – Commissioner Robinson pointed out that his walk attracted two CC members, which he reports was fine; however it was unanimous that we must improve our advertising campaign to attract a larger audience. New suggestion included getting in on the Chamber's monthly email updates. Colette also pointed out that the Club House on the former Traditions Golf Course is being used for events and we might want to schedule our workshops there. Lea pointed out that the system at Mark Twain included registration and sending reminder notices.

*Farmland Preservation* – Little can be done about saving Windsor's farmland. Farmers can be encouraged to obtain development rights – There are preservation grant opportunities, however there are strings attached.

Lea expressed a desire to see the town graduate to using e-buses for school transportation. A letter of encouragement could be drafted.

**Items for Sept Agenda:** E-Cycle, Sustainability, hydroponic gardening at Keney Park (on location)

Lea said that the textile collection site at the Windsor Transfer Station was difficult to access. The trailer opening is too high and evidently folks don't know what materials are acceptable. Lea was encouraged to write an article explaining the details of the fabric recycling.

Nigel suggested recording the water levels at certain venues – i.e. Washington Park, Phelps Brook, Mill Brook, the stream on river walk (across from Barts) – Chloe expressed concern about Mill Brook as it has restrictions and many areas are sensitive and need heavy restoration.

Several water streams need FEMA sanctioning.

Colette suggested a workshop on site at the Hydroponic Sustainability farm at Keney Park. Nigel will follow through with Herb for an amenable date and time in October (8 or 15<sup>th</sup>).

The Sustainability Fair is slated for Oct 1st

Colette motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09, seconded by Ayse.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, CC Secretary