

**Windsor Conservation Commission**  
**Zoom meeting 1/31/23**

**Present:** A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, J. Henry, N. Pepin, C. Yeich, T. Young; Ex Officio, C. Thompson

**Absent:** S. LeGendre, B. Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Chayes motioned to accept the November 29, 2022 minutes, seconded by commissioner Young, passed unanimously 7.0.0

**Old Business**

-The climate change forum that was to take place in Jan. was cancelled and will be rescheduled for March or April depending on availability of the panelists as well as the venue. Lea will research activities that are due to take place that might interfere with the timing of hosting a forum, i.e. UConn basketball, High School activities. Chair Ann will check for availability with the panelists and the library. The concern was the absence of a CC presence for that extended period of time. Commissioner Young suggested that articles be published to keep our name visible. Tammy will complete her geothermal article for publication in a convenient timeframe.

-Invasive Plants – a member noticed that bittersweet is killing trees in specific areas along the I-91 corridor. CACIWC is aware of this issue and will be consulting with DEEP. The former Millbrook Golf Course was mentioned in connection with needing stream and grounds restoration. (Youth Services is occupying the Club House; other rooms have been rented within that space.) Chloe suggested an “eradication” event in late summer to pull invasive purple loosestrife from the area as it is easily discernable. The members thought that was a great idea that should be pursued. She also reported that trail cams to capture wildlife movement will be strategically placed on the property.

-PFAS garnered discussion. This is considered a “forever” chemical apparent in everyday products, such as nonstick cookware, pizza boxes, candy wrappers, shampoo, dental floss, and water-resistant fabrics. The human health and environmental risks involved are not well publicized. Of great concern is PFAS levels in our drinking system which is apparent worldwide. Windsor is close to the airport where PFAS products are used. Drains are imprinted with “To Waterways” which is of great concern should PFAS levels become excessive. This could be another opportunity to educate the public via either a forum or an article. Present facts, ramifications, and call to action. It was suggested boycotting products that contain PFAS would be the call-to-action portion. Chair Ann will consult with her connections at Bradley. She will also contact John Larson who is on the commission addressing this chemical. Commission member should gather information on this topic and share it with all members. Nigel will also gather information from a colleague.

-Lea acted on the inaccessibility of the textile collection bin at the landfill with no results. Chloe will contact the person in charge. Lea is to send a narrative to Chloe outlining her suggestions for an improved collection site.

**New Business:**

-As a forum, Colette suggested taking a Windsor map from 10 years ago and comparing it with today's Windsor map to emphasize the amount of land that has been lost to development and to earmark fragile and important lands to preserve. Chloe would like to prioritize the Lord property on Prospect Hill Road for possible acquisition.

-Colette suggested revising a photo WOW (Wonder of Windsor) contest, like the one sponsored by the Suffield Library on Trees. The photo contest winner results were published in the Windsor Journal. Chloe suggested the theme "Blossoming into Spring". CC members - prepare to hammer out the details at the next meeting. Chloe will contact the two Patricks at town hall for assistance on how entries can be submitted electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, secretary