

Windsor Conservation Commission
March 28, 2023 Draft Minutes

Present: A. Adams, J. Henry, B. Robinson, T. Young, L. Chayes, A. Beaudoin (joined later)

Absent: C. Yeich, N. Pepin, S. LeGendre, ex officio C. Thompson

The meeting took place Virtually over Zoom and was called to order by Commissioner Robinson at 7:30 PM due to technical issues.

Public Communications: no communications.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes from the Feb 28, 2023 meeting were approved (motion made by Young, seconded by Chayes; 5.0.0)

New Commission Member to be sworn in near future.

Climate Change Forum scheduled for Friday, 4/26, at 7:00 PM at the Library. Commission members should plan to arrive at 6:30 to help set up. Chayes will follow up with Chloe about announcements created by Town staff that either they or Commission members could share on social media to promote the event.

WoW Contest – Discussed option to launch at Sustainability Fair on 4/29 or earlier via Win-TV and announcements around town (created by Town staff) with an end date of 5/31/2023. Discussed rules: Just 1st & 2nd place prizes, 1 photo per person, no age criteria, must be of natural subjects around Windsor. Discussed options for names and decided on “Natural Wonders of Windsor,” and that the “WoW” in the title could be emphasized on communications. Discussion on how to acquire prizes or whether to even offer tangible prizes.

Public Education – Discussed options in detail at the last meeting:

Wildlife habitats – Link to DEEP website information should be shared on the WCC website (Chayes will follow up with C. Thompson)

Groundwater and run-off

Water and air quality

PFAS – Young will look into recent news article she saw on it.

New Business:

Roadside debris and littering – glass and plastic are primary problems. MA has fines, but we don't. Enforcement is the issue, as it's hard to catch offenders in the act. What does the

Commission have the power to do about the problem? Discussed possibility of a Riverwalk clean-up day. Installing cameras with signs may be a deterrent to some.

Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM, seconded by Young (6.0.0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ayse Adams