

## **Windsor Conservation Commission**

### **May 30, 2023 Draft Minutes**

Town Council Chambers

**Present:** A. Beaudin, A. Adams, L. Chayes, B. Robinson, T. Young, C. Yeich;

Ex-officio, C. Thompson

**Absent:** J. Henry, S. Legendre,

Chair Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Lea made a motion to elect Tammy Young as Vice Chairwoman (taking the place of former vice, Nigel Pepin who resigned), seconded by Colette; accepted unanimously 5.0.0

**Public communications:** Mr. Tom Tomcho reported that the neighbor's open fire situation was addressed by the police as the burning was taking place less than 50 feet of a structure and not attended to at all times which is clearly stipulated in the Windsor ordinance under "Outdoor Fires." He also researched ordinances from other towns whose verbiage outlines the necessity for a permit to burn materials.

#### **Old Business**

-Discussion ensued on Windsor's Fire Ordinance – Commissioner Brad summarized the DEEP open burning regulations: a permit is needed to burn; no brush fires; cannot be a nuisance to neighbors; and fires must be attended at all times.

Chair Ann suggested that the new Fire Chief, Lori Volter, be invited to a Commission meeting to gain additional information on "open fires".

Commissioner Brad motioned to write a letter to the Chief with the following inquiries:

- How are complaints handled?
- What is the relationship between Windsor's Ordinance and the State of CT regulations?
- How is the ordinance enforced?
- What, if any, public outreach is being done?

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams, accepted unanimously 6.0.0

Any additional information to be added to the above points should be related to Chair Ann prior to next week-end.

-WOW Contest with tagline "Falling into Autumn" - Colette supplied the members with printed contest rules from the 2011 CC photo contest. All had input on revisions which Colette will document and send members for review. It was emphasized that it is necessary to move on this ASAP and have materials ready for September's meeting. Basic changes are transitioning from hard copy entries to online entries and voting. Notices for contest registration and public voting will be placed on Facebook, Instagram, and the town's standard distribution lists.

Gift certificate suggestions were repeated: solicit Bears, Bowling Alley, Brown's, Moneta's, Canoes/Kayaks on the Farmington.

-Cloe reported on the Sandwich Board A-Frame –comes in standard size at approximately \$100. Local print shop will adhere message for about \$35.

-Lea will report further on compost and water bins at the next meeting. Chloe will touch base with Public Works for additional information.

-An update on the possible elimination of bittersweet and poison ivy at Millbrook was mentioned. Brad stated that \$300,000 was allocated for the Millbrook property in the Windsor budget but did not specify how it would be used. A letter to the DPW may reveal the usage.

**New Business -**

-Wetlands and Buffer Zones – Chloe’s expertise lies in this area. She actually goes on site to review applications and stays on top of any problems. The commission could review applications and write letters if they deem there are problems.

-Washington Park – Brad noticed that the water chestnut is beginning to rear its ugly head and suggested action. Chloe will report it and it will be raked.

Brad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. seconded by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary