

Windsor Conservation Commission

September 26, 2023

Council Chambers

Draft Minutes

Present: A. Adams, A. Beaudin, L. Chayes, B. Robinson, T. Young, C. Yeich, Ex officio, C. Thompson

Absent: J. Henry, S. Legendre

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

Colette motioned to accept the minutes of the June 27th meeting, seconded by Lea; approved unanimously. 6.0.0

Old Business:

E-Cycle - Chair Ann reported that 4,100 lbs. of electronics were collected on E-Cycle Day. She also wrote an article for the *Windsor Journal* with this information in addition to thanking the volunteers and workers. Colette said that she spoke with many who participated from 9-10 a.m. and asked where they heard about the event. Most responded via social media.

WOW Contest – Chloe printed out contest flyers that were distributed to members for display in public places and other areas. Colette suggested distributing them at the Country Fair, which was taking place the weekend following the CC meeting. Ayse and Chloe will post the notice on social media (Facebook, town website, next door, etc.); Lea, Colette and Ann will cover public areas in town with flyers. Tammy will notify the churches and try to have it published in church bulletins. Notice will also appear on WIN-TV. Everyone is encouraged to post the flyer with their personal email lists. Prizes were solicited by Chair Ann and Colette and include gift certificates to Bobbi's Klip & Kurl, The Bean, & Metacomet Tour (2). Additional efforts will be made to secure more (Dom's, Ace, Brown's). Chair Ann will write an article for the Windsor Journal and hopefully Mr. Kuras will be amenable to publishing the winning entries.

New Business:

It was agreed that information about land degradation, clean water, invasive species, and biodiversity should be linked to our town website. Brad suggested the link to DEEP & CIPWG which has excellent, complete, and updated information on a wide variety of environmental topics.

Washington Park Pond – Chloe reported that the rake to eliminate the water chestnut has been purchased but will not be used until next year to try to rid the pond of the problem. Stroh Park also has the invasive chestnut and possibly hydrilla. Herbicides may have to be used for several years to nix the problem. This problem arrived in CT on the feet of geese. Brad first sited this aquatic weed 15 yrs ago in the flood control pond in Hartford.

As an aside, Brad announced that the new Amazon has solar panels on its roof.

Commissioners update – Colette will send a note to Sherwin. Two new members should be joining the group soon. Brad suggested a sincere effort to include minorities in our programs and membership.

-Lea inquired about the process in trying to regulate the sale of harmful products such as roundup/Styrofoam in CT towns. Brad responded by saying that it's the state that prohibits towns from regulating pesticides. Lea cited the recent success by Windsor to not have fracking waste transported through the town. Also mentioned was that no pesticides are used on school properties but on parks and other town properties. Response - Double edged sword – necessary to eliminate grubs and weeds.

Brad moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10, seconded by Tammy.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich,
Secretary