

## Windsor Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes

October 30, 2023

Town Council Chambers

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

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

Chair Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Brad motioned to accept the minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Tammy. Accepted unanimously - 7.0.0

### Old Business:

**WOW** – photo contest will end tomorrow. Twenty-one entries have been submitted thus far. For the next two weeks ending on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the public will be asked to select their first and second choices in both Adult and Youth divisions.

Prizes include: two - \$25.00 gift certificates Dom's Eatery; two - \$40.00 gift certificates from Metacomet Tours; \$20.00 gift certificate from the Bean; gift certificate from OneSong Biscotti for 3 dozen biscotti (\$30.00 value); shampoo, haircut, blow-dry valued at \$60.00 from Bobbi's Klip and Kurl; a digital picture frame from Sober World.

First Prize for the **Adult** division will be a \$25 gift card from Dom's Eatery and a \$40.00 gift certificate for Metacomet Tours. Second prize will be a gift certificate to Bobbi's Klip and Kurl and three dozen Biscotti from OneSong Biscotti.

First Prize winner in the **Youth** division will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from Don's Eatery and a gift certificate from Metacomet Tours. Second place will receive a digital picture frame from Sober World and a \$20.00 gift certificate from The Bean.

It was thought that the prize distribution decided upon would be age appropriate/attractive for each division.

### New Business:

-Fertilizers – there is an act restricting the use of phosphorus fertilizers.

-Greenway areas – Chair Ann requested a list of open space areas which can be incorporated into the WOW contest article on the winners - highlighting open, green spaces as well as bike/hike paths. A review of the open space preservation plan was advised.

-Climate Change – Ann reported that there is new, positive legislation regarding this issue. As an aside there is a Sustainability Book Club as well as a Climate Action Club in Windsor if anyone is interested.

-Lea will inquire further about setting up a webinar with David Pogue, a correspondent for CBS News Sunday Morning, entitled "Practical Guide for Surviving the Chaos." She would like to involve the politicians and have it hosted by the new mayor.

-Lea inquired as to any further activity on the rain and compost bins (\$50.00 per bin). Orders would have to be collected and paid for in advance. It is hoped that if we move forward with this project, Publics Works would store them and be available for public pick-up.

March would be a good time to start with advertising. Chloe will bring the information on the product to the next meeting.

-Julie B. requested that the commission hang donated bird houses, made by a friend, William Boyle and painted by Julie, in the Windsor public parks. She showed images from her cell phone. Keney Park was suggested. Colette thought that the loop across from Barts would be the perfect venue. Perhaps DPW could be involved. Chair Ann would like to write an article about the donor and requested his contact information.

-Budget & Media Options – Chair Ann suggested using some of the \$560.00 budget money to run an ad in the Journal about Why Conservation Matters. Other topics: preserving green spaces, and value of composting. Ayse interjected that the article should end with a call for action.

-Litter clean up day was discussed. Ann mentioned that there will be new signs and fines posted on specific roads to discourage littering.

-Brad felt that management of the three park ponds. Washington, Stroh, and Northwest need to be put in place and offered his assistance. Environmentalist Chloe spoke on the different steps that have been taken to clear the invasives.

There will be a meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

At 8:40 P.M. Brad moved to adjourn; seconded by Tammy.