

Windsor Conservation Commission
6.25.2024 Draft Minutes
Hybrid Meeting

Present: L. Chayes, J. Henry, B. Robinson, T. Tomcho, C. Yeich, T. Young, J. Zepperi; ex officio, C. Thompson

Absent: A. Adams, A. Beaudin, J. Bergeron, S. Legendre

Co-Chair Tammy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Business Meeting

Brad motioned to accept the May 28th minutes, seconded by Colette. Passed unanimously 7.0.0
Tammy began with a message from Chair Ann who regretted not being able to attend. She sent informational items to consider for the meeting which Chloe incorporated into tonight's agenda. All members should be included in communiques.

Old Business

Birdhouse Project – is on hold.

Hydroponics Forum – generated an audience of about 35 people. It is always a plus to team up with other organizations. Good information and well received from LEVO.

New Business – Commissioner Chayes spoke about the Organic Waste Pilot Project in Bloomfield that she hoped could extend into Windsor. This consists of door-to-door pick up of food scraps. Windsor's program where one must deliver the container to the landfill is not as robust as projected.

Compost Bins – *Inviro World* out of Canada seems to be the most favorable and cost effective after much scrutiny from Commissioner Chayes. The bins would have to be pre-paid and temporarily stored by the Public Works Department. A September date and time would have to be arranged for pick-up. The challenges would include getting the word out in September (?) and determining the payment logistic. Emphasis should be placed on how composting relates to climate change, improves soil quality, supports sustainability, reduces carbon emissions, controls erosion, reduces valuable landfill space, makes plants healthier, etc. The commission should get the word out soon in order to take orders from the public in September. Chloe will contact the Public Works Department. Co-Chair Tammy will check on the annual E-Cycle event which usually takes place in early September. Joe recommended watching Netflix "Kiss the Ground" video presented by Woody Harrelson. A write-up pitching the values of compost bins should be considered for publication in the Journal, Town of Windsor website, etc. and brought to the attention of the Garden Club and Climate Action Committee as well.

-Lea continues to research the textile collection program. South Windsor's is very active with conveniently located receptacles.

Co-chair Tammy mentioned the Tree Campus project. She encouraged the Commission to sponsor this program in the schools by contacting the K-12 Science Departments. This would include learning about the value of trees as well as planting and caring for them. Perhaps begin with a Pilot Program in one of the town schools. (Lea interjected that the town should strive to replicate Bloomfield with their *Trees for Bloomfield* initiative).

-Advancement in protecting ecosystem – promote semi-pervious driveways/parking lots/sidewalks with town departments. The use of specific pervious materials that percolate through pavement in order to reduce water run-off. Brad will research in order to eventually promote semi-pervious surfaces to Planning and Zoning for future town parking areas.

-National Night out Event – Scheduled for August 6th at 5 p.m. Should the Commission have a presence? Would be an opportunity to distribute information on the compost bin project and E-Cycle Event. Supplies needed: banner, table, chairs, tablecloth, magnets, and handouts, including spotted lantern fly. Opportunity to update the CC's flyer.

-Windsor Clean and Green – Colette reported that the Commission selected the pond on Mechanic Street and down the river trail to the parking area on Palisado Ave. (in front of Bart's) as our area to clean. We need to select a clean-up date. All agreed on **September 15th at 1:30 p.m.** (Please place on your calendars) Each member must go online to **fill out a waiver form**. Go to TownofWindsorct.com, click on Public Works then Clean and Green...

Brad moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Colette

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary