

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Room 3, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These minutes are subject to approval by the Conservation Commission

Present: Holly Kocet, John Dixon, Gail Friedman

Absent: Mark Boland, Mark Lurie, Mike Santora

Staff: Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Kocet opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AGENCY REPORTS

Inland Wetlands – Ms. Friedman stated the IWC will be meeting on Thursday to discuss the Planters' Choice application.

Planning and Zoning – Ms. Kocet stated that John Madzula has resigned as a Conservation Commissioner. Ms. Kocet asked Mr. Dixon if he would like to take over the Planning and Zoning review. Mr. Dixon accepted.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

High Meadow Wildflower Meadow – Ms. Kocet stated that the meadow is sleeping and that Parks and Rec added a new bench.

Stone Bridge Preserve – Ms. Kocet will follow up on the removal of garbage on the property.

Native Plant Policy – Ms. Kocet will review the plant policy in January.

Conservation Table – Ms. Kocet suggested changing the table to either global warming or ornamentals. Ms. Kocet is concerned with ornamentals taking over. They carry insects and disease.

Invasive Task Force – The Commission will try to recruit volunteers in the spring. Ms. Kocet questioned the best way to tackle the Japanese Knotweed on the fruit trail. Parks and Rec had offered to "cut and paint" the plants but it never happened. Ms. Kocet suggested hiring an outside vendor.

Kiosks - Ms. Kocet suggested creating a template for the kiosks with a map, history, trails and pictures.

CC Calendar for 2020 - Ms. Kocet would like to discuss one meeting in July and August at the next CC meeting in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dixon moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Ms. Friedman seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Fried