

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2022 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, Mark Boland, Michael Ablondi, Mark Lurie, John Dixon, Will Drew

Staff: Dawn Fried, Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lurie moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. Mr. Boland seconded. All in favor. The minutes from February 22, 2022 were approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alexa Larson spoke about predatory animals affecting farm animals, as well as the CC connecting with the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRRA) in Brookfield, CT.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Flowering Seeds for Meadows

The Commission had a brief discussion reiterating the two meadows chosen for seeding, which are on Shelley Road and Pole Bridge. The meadows will be seeded this spring by the Parks and Rec department.

High Meadow Study Letter

Ms. Kocet gave Mr. Drew a brief overview of the High Meadow study project. The Commission is waiting for an estimate from Bryan Connolly before submitting a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting the funds for another study in 3 to 5 years.

Commission Reports

Fairfield Hills – Mr. Boland spoke about the Fairfield Hills campus possibly getting a State grant for historic landmarks to help with either the remediation of two buildings or the demolition.

Earth Day

The Commission discussed Earth Day, April 23, 2022. Ms. Kocet suggested an invasive species theme. The Commissioners chose time slots to volunteer throughout the day. The Commission agreed that seed balls and trail mix will work well again. The Commission asked to visit the basement after the CC meeting to collect pamphlets and materials for the table. Ms. Kocet will sign up for Earth Day.

Open Space Map

Ms. Fried passed out updated open space maps and added a large map to the wall in Meeting Room #3. Ms. Fried will also send the map via email.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dixon moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Mr. Ablondi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Fried