

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Meeting Room 3, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These minutes are subject to approval by the Conservation Commission

Present: Holly Kocet, Michael Ablondi, Will Drew (5:45 p.m.), John Dixon, Mark Lurie

Staff: Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Land Use, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Also in Attendance: Charles Zukowski, 4 Cornfield Ridge Road, Newtown and Lisa Mages, 5 Concord Ridge Road, Newtown

Ms. Kocet opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dixon moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022. Mr. Ablondi seconded. All in favor. The minutes from August 23, 2022 were approved.

Ms. Kocet welcomed the public. Ms. Mages stated she recently moved to Newtown and is now a member of the Newtown Forest Association. Ms. Mages is interested in the Conservation Commission's invasive plant program.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

High Meadow Study Report

Ms. Kocet and Mr. Sibley attended the Board of Selectman's (BOS) meeting on September 6, 2022. The BOS approved the allocation of funds for the High Meadow Study. At this time the Study can be contracted out. The Study still needs final approval by the Legislative Council.

Educating the Public on Invasives

Ms. Kocet explained it's difficult to find volunteers to help with invasive plant removal. Ms. Kocet is trying to find a local landscaper to help with the invasives on High Meadow. In the past Parks and Rec has helped as well as hired landscapers. Ms. Mages asked how long has the Commission been working on an invasive management plan. Mr. Sibley responded since 1996, volunteers are hard to come by.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Kocet moved to begin the Executive Session at 5:44 pm to discuss the possible donation and acquisition of land. Mr. Sibley was invited. Mr. Dixon seconded. All were in favor.

Executive Session ended at 6:45 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lurie moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Mr. Drew seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Fried