

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Health Conference Room, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are Subject to Approval by the Conservation Commission

Present: Holly Kocet, Gail Friedman, Mark Lurie, John Madzula, Mike Santora, John Dixon
Staff: Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Kocet opened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 11, 2018

Ms. Friedman moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2018. Mr. Santora seconded. All in favor. The minutes from December 11, 2018 were approved.

AGENCY REPORTS

Fairfield Hills Authority - Ms. Kocet stated that Mr. Boland reported there is a newly formed committee which will be reviewing the 5-year Fairfield Hills Master Plan. The committee is titled the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee (the Committee commenced in July 2018).

Ms. Kocet discussed how Public Works cut trees along the path at High Meadow and in the wetland areas leading to the baseball field. Parks and Rec authorized the tree cutting but did not notify the Conservation Commission. Ms. Kocet stated she would have liked the courtesy of being informed of the project. Ms. Kocet would like to set up a meeting with Parks and Rec to discuss being included on Open Space discussions and activities.

Inland Wetlands – Ms. Friedman gave an overview of the two Inland Wetland applications.

SET CONSERVATION CALENDAR FOR 2019

Mr. Madzula moved to approve the CC calendar for 2019. Ms. Friedman seconded. All in favor.

DISCUSSION

Pole Bridge – Mr. Lurie did not get out to the property. He will go on Saturday to rake and clean up a broken tree.

Pollinator Pathway – Kick-off pushed to March. The CC will look at maps to determine pathway.

Permanent Conservation Table – Ms. Kocet met with Steve Maguire, Land Use Agency, to discuss inland wetland ideas for the table. January will be an inland wetland theme. Ms. Kocet is waiting on information from Mr. Maguire.

Invasive Plant Task Force – The Commission discussed removing invasives from High Meadow. They also discussed different tools to purchase for the removal.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Friedman moved to adjourn the CC meeting. Mr. Lurie seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried, Clerk