

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission
November 29, 2018, 7:00 PM
Break Room, Montville Town Hall

Minutes

1. Roll Call. Commissioners Chase, Crossley, DiNoto, and LeClair were present.
2. Discuss Goals and Work Plan of Conservation Commission
 - Examples of duties of the Conservation Commission were reviewed:
 - *Examples of Duties of Conservation Commission*
 - *The Conservation Commission is responsible for the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural resources, including water resources, within the Town of Montville.*
 - *Develops and periodically update the open space and conservation goals to be accomplished in the Town of Montville*
 - *Keeps an index of all open space areas, publicly or privately owned for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas and may recommend programs for the development and use of such areas.*
 - *May, with the approval of the Town Council, acquire land and easements in the name of the municipality.*
 - *Promulgates rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the establishment of reasonable charges for the use of land and easements.*
 - *Renders comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission on any development occurring in the Town of Montville which exceeds 50 acres in size.*
 - *Is responsible for the administration of the Montville nature center.*
 - Future Conservation Commission work plan projects were discussed:
 - The Commission is interested in hosting a pollinator education workshop for Town of Montville residents. The workshop might include an introduction to beekeeping. The Commission will consider hosting this workshop in the Spring of 2019.
 - The Commission discussed the possibility of establishing dog-friendly trails or other passive recreation on a recently purchased parcel of municipal land, the Mostoway Wetlands property.
 - Action Item: The Commission will hold a special meeting to walk the site to get a sense of what types of passive recreation might be appropriate for the location.
 - Action Item: The Commission will invite Town of Montville Councilmember Tom McNally and Parks and Recreation Director Peter Bushway to the next regular meeting to discuss opportunities for the Mostoway Wetlands property.

- Other items of discussion, for long-term consideration:
 - The Commission would like to discuss future possible open space acquisition plans and opportunities with municipal staff.
 - The Commission would like to investigate the potential of a farmers' market in the Town.
 - The Commission would like to investigate opportunities to engage youth in conservation efforts, as well as opportunities to provide additional outlets for youth interaction with the Town's natural landscape.
 - The Commission would like to pursue conservation and restoration efforts across the Town. For example, The Commission would like to investigate possible funding for stream restoration and enhancement. Additionally, the Commission would like to determine if it would be possible to undertake cleanup activities at Schofield Pond.
- 3. The Commission would like to hold a Special Meeting to walk the Mostoway Wetlands property. Proposed date: December 9, 2018, 1:30 PM. Location: 1003 Route 163. Date to be confirmed.
- 4. The Commission would like to hold its next regular meeting on December 20, 2018, 7:00 PM. Location: Montville Town Hall. Date to be confirmed.
- 5. Adjourn: 8:45 PM.