## **Town of Montville**

Planning and Zoning Commission 310 Norwich New London Turnpike Uncasville, Ct 06382

## **Special Meeting Minutes of**

Tuesday January 8, 2019

- 1. Call to Order: Commissioner Toner called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: All rose to salute the flag
- 3. Roll Call: Present were Commissioners Toner, Desjardins, Estelle, Polhemus, Siragusa, Duchesneau. Commissioners Pieniadz, Longton and Hillsberg were absent. Also present was Assistant Planner Colleen Bezanson.

## 4. New Business:

Discussion/vote on Commission endorsing Avalonia Trust Conservancy purchasing the Gladys J. Bond properties.

Staff gave a brief description of area and the request. Discussion was held.

COMMISSIONER DESJARDINS made a motion that the Town of Montville Planning and Zoning Commission support the Avalonia Land Conservancy's effort to obtain a CT DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant to acquire approximately +/- 669 acres from Gladys J. Bond Trustee for the properties in Oakdale, Connecticut. This acquisition will significantly expand the open space area of the Niantic River Watershed near the Barnes Reservoir and the Bogue Brook Reservoir, increasing passive recreational opportunities for the community, secure wildlife and fish habitats, and protect and conserve the watershed areas north and south of the property. It is consistent with the Town of Montville Plan of Conservation and Development.

COMMISSIONER SIRAGUSA seconded the motion

ALL if Favor 6-0-0 Motion carried

5. Adjournment: 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Williams, Recording Secretary