

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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Special Meeting Minutes  
July 2, 2019, 7:15 PM  
Montville Town Hall, Room 102

- Call to Order
  - Meeting of the Montville Conservation Commission called to order at 7:20 PM.
- Roll Call
  - Commissioners DiNoto, Emilyyta, Chase, and LeClair were present. Councilman McNally was also present.
  - Commissioner Lespier arrived at 7:25 PM.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Commissioner Emilyyta made a motion, Commissioner Chase seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
  - There were no comments from the public on agenda items.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2019
  - Commissioner DiNoto made a motion, Commissioner Chase seconded. The May 7, 2019 meeting minutes of the Montville Conservation Commission were approved unanimously.
- Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2019
  - Commissioner DiNoto made a motion, Commissioner Chase seconded. The May 18, 2019 meeting minutes of the Montville Conservation Commission were approved unanimously.
- Correspondence
  - The Commission received a copy of *the Habitat*, a publication from the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions.
- Old Business
  - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
    - The Commission will check in with the Eagle Scout candidate to see if the parking lot resurfacing project is still planned.
    - Councilman McNally indicated that the Montville Department of Public Works is planning to remove the dead limbs and ‘widow-makers’ from the parking lot area at the Center.

- Councilman McNally will reach out to Mr. Joe Aquitainte to inquire if any local Boy Scouts might be in need of Eagle Scout projects.
    - Commissioners will reach out to the Montville Rotary to inquire about the status of the sign upgrade project.
    - Commissioner Emilyta discussed the May 18<sup>th</sup> trail marking progress. The Commission would like to finish painting the trails before the August meeting of the Commission.
    - Commissioner Lespier will reach out to a colleague to investigate trail mapping.
    - Commissioner Emilyta will investigate engraving both sides of the existing roadside sign in front of the Conservation Center.
    - Commissioner LeClair will try to meet with the Town ZEO Nancy Woodlock to discuss trail maintenance at the entranceway, as well as allowable techniques to help cross wet areas on the trail.
  - Open Space Inventory for the Town of Montville
    - The Planning Department provided large copies of the Town's open space map with attached definitions of land uses. The Commission studied the map together.
    - The Commission is interested in learning what the utility companies are planting, particularly if native plants are utilized.
    - The Commission would like to identify if there is there a map layer that has industries located in town. The Commission will request such with the Planning Department.
    - The Commission notes that there does not appear to be a lot of open space and that it is discontinuous, except for what is owned by the utilities.
    - During the next meeting of the Conservation Commission members will discuss the open space priorities of the Town.
- New Business
  - The Commission discussed the municipally owned property located at 15 Benway Court.
    - Several commissioners drove by the site and agreed that the Commission would like to recommend that the town preserve the property. The Commission will draft a letter indicating such and send it to the Town Planner.
  - Discuss Young Forest Initiative Workshop – July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM
    - The Conservation Commission will host a workshop open to the public on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Town Hall. The workshop will feature a speaker from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection who will speak about the Young Forest Initiative.
    - The Commission placed posters around town and invited the public through various online channels. Additionally, Conservation Commissions from surrounding towns as well as representatives from nearby land trusts were invited to attend.

- Comments from the Public
  - There were no comments from the public.
  
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
  - Councilman McNally shared with the Commission correspondence from the Town of Montville Planning and Zoning Commission regarding “A request for an §8-24 Review to Release a portion of the old Black Ash Road and to accept the new portion of Black Ash Road as described in Attachment A.”
  - Councilman McNally left at 8:00 PM.
  
- Comments from Commissioners
  - Commissioners are interested in supporting pollinators, a future workshop or other such endeavor should be considered.
  
- Adjourn
  - Commissioner Chase made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner DiNoto seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.