

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2022, 6:00 PM  
Room 102 – Town Hall

**All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.**

**Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chair of the meeting. Written comments must be emailed to the Town Clerk at [townclerk@montville-ct.org](mailto:townclerk@montville-ct.org) at least **1 working day in advance**.**

**Written comments may not be read in their entirety, but rather similar messages may be aggregated or paraphrased for submission to the Mayor, Council, Board or Commission.**

- 1) Call to Order – called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military was observed.
- 3) Roll Call -Chairman Chase, Commissioner Sabilia, and Commissioner Bacon were present. Councilor May and guest speaker Assistant Planner Bezanson were also present.
- 4) Presentation: “Discussion of Conservation Commission role in Sustainable CT certification” – presentation by Asst. Town Planner Colleen Bezanson. Assistant Planner Bezanson provided paper copies of her presentation “Sustainable CT Program Bronze Certification” covering what this program is, why participate/achieve certification, who is on the town’s committee, and the categories and actions that must be completed to achieve certification. The target for submission of accomplishments is **August 1, 2022**. A.P. Bezanson provided numerous examples of actions that would help the town accomplish certification. For instance, the Conservation Commission can improve our website to surface specific information to the public, including posting events on our calendar. There was much discussion and A.P. Bezanson answered many questions. Our homework is to look at the links she provided, particularly to view what other towns have done on their conservation commission websites.
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -none.
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items-none.
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2022. Commissioner Sabilia made a motion to approve, Bacon seconded, and motion was unanimously passed.
- 8) Communications-none were received.
- 9) Old Business Agenda:

- a. Conservation Center update – Commissioner Bacon had circulated via email an updated list of observations/needs collected during a field inspection on January 9 by commission members. Signage and the intrusion of beavers, causing problems with the trail near one of the bridges, was also discussed. A.P. Bezanson has access to a GPS which will be used by commission members to map the trails.
- b. Update on Mostowy property (across from town owned parcel) -The buyer was identified. No further development has been seen.

10) New Business Agenda -none

11) Comments from the Public-none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison- Councilor May will move forward on a purchase order for materials for the walkways.

13) Comments from Commissioners – Commissioner Bacon attended the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters– Environmental Summit via videoconference on 1/25 and 1/27 and provided brief highlights. Videos are available on the website:  
<https://www.conservationeducation.org/summit.html>

14) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.