

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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

- 1) Call to Order- 6:04 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call- attendees: Chairman Paul Chase, Commissioner Jeff Carver, Commissioner Jessica LeClair, Commissioner Bonnie Bacon; guest Assistant Town Planner Colleen Bezanson, Town Council Liaison Councilor Tim May
- 4) Presentations
  - a) “Sustainable CT Discussion Items”- Asst. Town Planner Colleen Bezanson  
Asst. Town Planner Bezanson led a follow up discussion from last months meeting, reminding commissioners to review the websites from nearby towns and to update our own website.  
-Asst Planner Bezanson suggested that the Commission could hold presentations at the Montville fair (June 17-19) or at the Famers market (starts in June and is held every week). The commissioners were enthusiastic. Events need to be advertised and put on the calendar. Commissioner LeClair noted that presentations to the public could also take place in the council room or online.  
-Commissioner LeClair noted that work should be documented, e.g. photos.  
-Councilor May suggested that the Commission could sponsor a cleanup at Hopemead State Park, because that is also a heavily used trail.  
-Councilor May and Commissioner Carver plan to use the GIS system available from Asst Planner Bezanson to update the trail maps for 1) Montville Conservation Center trails; 2) Camp Oakdale trails.  
-Chairman Chase raised the question of whether more trails are planned in Montville, and Asst Planner Bezanson noted that more open space will be coming available. Not all open space is under the town auspices.  
-ACTION ITEM: Councilor May and Commissioner Carver will send Asst Planner Bezanson a list of projects that have been completed recently, with documentation: 1) Rebuilding of the map kiosk (replacement of the broken plexiglass); 2) Commission cleanup, with raking, clipping of undergrowth that is growing into the paths; 3) cutting of dead and dangerous tree limbs around the parking lot area and on the paths, by the Department of Public works (documentation may be available from DPW).  
-Chairman Chase brought up the identification of trees. Once the trails mapped, the QR code link can also provide the names of trees. Asst Planner Bezanson noted that the Eastern Conservation district has flyers for seedlings for sale.

-Other suggestions: Commissioner Carver suggested a yearly photo contest, which helps us track changes over time. Councilor May suggested a beaver cam to watch the beavers.  
-Open space fund. Finance director Terry Hart maintains the open space fund which has about \$5k. Asst Planner Bezanson suggested a full page ad in the annual community booklet about the conservation center, and separately, she suggested stenciling storm drains (raises public's awareness of where material collected by the drains goes), and getting in touch with Montville High Schools environmental club.  
-Other suggestions for activities supporting Sustainable CT: Participate in CT trails Day; establish a Community Garden.

- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -none
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2022 – Motion to approve by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bacon. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 8) Communications-none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Conservation Center update
- 10) New Business Agenda-none
- 11) Comments from the Public -none
- 12) Comments from Town Council Liaison
- 13) Comments from Commissioners
- 14) Adjourn -Commissioner Carver motioned to adjourn. Commissioner LeClair seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.