

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

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. Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

- 1) Call to Order-6:07 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 Bonnie Bacon; Assistant Town Planner Colleen Bezanson, Councilor Tim May
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -Commissioner Bacon made a motion to move item 9)a) Sustainable CT discussion items to 10)b). Seconded by Commissioner Carver. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items-none
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2022. Chairman Chase noted that there are two errors: Spelling of “Farmer’s” and inserting “are” into “once the trails mapped” needs to be corrected.
- 8) Communications - none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Cleanup at Hopemead State Park- Commissioner May will organize a community cleanup, tentatively for May 21st. and will post the date and time on facebook, the MCC page, potentially the schools, and the Montville calendar. He will collect a photo of the posting, make note of how many members of the public attended, get feedback from attendees. Tentatively, Chairman Chase can provide a history talk to members of the public.
 - b) Need for seedlings for sale by the Eastern Conservation District -do not need seedlings for the conservation center at this time.

- c) Community garden discussion -AD Bezanson noted that the Senior Center may open up their community garden to the entire Montville community, and she will get back to us on a possible role for the MCC.
- d) Update on Conservation Center- Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Sabilia plan to organize and lead a community clean up or trail marking event on May 7 at the Conservation Center. Councilor May will be looking for 300' of planks and some spikes to assemble the walkways.
- e) Mostoway resale across from town property – this is a historic house.

10) New Business Agenda

- a) Trails Day – Commissioner LeClair sent the following information:

“Trails Day Event Registration Is Now Open - Trails Day is June 4 and 5 this year and registration is now open at www.trailsday.org. Your land trust can show off that new preserve or trail your volunteers just restored. What a perfect way to get the word out to your community about all the great work you've been doing. Register your event by April 15th and get a cool "Follow The Leader" tee-shirt. We'll give you a Trails Day dashboard where you can welcome guests and collect their contact information. Sponsor a Trails Day event.- Let's get outside!

Thank you so much for your help.

Chuck Toal
Connecticut Trails Day Coordinator
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MCC doesn't plan to organize a specific event for Trails day this year.

- b) Sustainable CT discussion items. AD Bezanson noted that in July 2019, the MCC sponsored a Young Forest presentation by DEEP, and Commissioner LeClair has provided documentation necessary to obtain credit for the Sustainable CT initiative.

11) Comments from the Public -none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -Councilor May spoke about the work of the East Lyme Land Trust in providing access to open space in East Lyme.

13) Comments from Commissioners- Commissioner Carver will be away for 90 days. The commission discussed recruitment of at least 1 alternate commissioner to help ensure that we will have a quorum for meetings throughout the summer. Commissioner Carver may post something on facebook.

14) Adjourn- Chairman Chase requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carver motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Bacon seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.