# Town of Montville Conservation Commission

Meeting Agenda July 5, 2022, 6:00 PM Room 102 – Town Hall

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 <u>townclerk@montville-</u><u>ct.org</u> 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. 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.

# Zoom meeting link for Commission members only:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73421696596?pwd=twmFTwKKYvTJsTvYhvoeYJ7nQlt7ae.1

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Presentations
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
- 7) Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2022
- 8) Communications
- 9) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Reminder: July 9 Hopemead State Park cleanup/walk
  - b) Montville Conservation Center update
  - c) Nehantic Nature Preserve visit suggested at June meeting. Results?
  - d) Save the Sound Webinar assessment
- 10) New Business Agenda:

a) Discussion of participating with the Town of Bozrah in funding the Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant that was awarded to them for the acquisition of property located off of Walker Rd owned by the Glemboskis. The mayor received an email from the First Selectman of Bozrah asking if the Town would be interested in funding a portion of the acquisition. I have attached the email for the Commission's review as well as an email from Sam Alexander of SCCOG explaining the project.



- b) Invasive Species Presentation Discussion.
- c) The list of projects that the Commission wants to do. (see attachment)



- 11) Comments from the Public
- 12) Comments from Town Council Liaison
- 13) Comments from Commissioners
- 14) Adjourn

# Action Items for Montville Conservation Center (updated 1/8/2022)

Members present: Chairman Chase, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Sabilia, Commissioner Bacon; Councilor May

## Trail Markers/Map:

- 1. Some blue and orange trail markers may not be applied to trees in correct orientation (ACTION: Jeff Carver will find out the conventions for trail markings).
- 2. Select new/additional trees for trail markers in some cases, e.g. a dead tree is marked.
- 3. Footpaths (represented in light blue on the map) to the west of the parking lot and by the powerlines are not accurately represented on the map.
- 4. The footpath past the stream appears to be marked with yellow trail markings but is represented on the map with light blue markings. This footpath could become a unique trail, the yellow trail, as it is a good, dry trail that goes all the way to Black Ash Road.

### Entryway/parking area improvements:

- 5. Angle the two boards at the northern entrance.
- 6. Add dog waste station (with waste bags and disposal).
- 7. Move rocks blocking trail entrances.
- 8. Install a picnic table in the woods off the west side of the parking area.
- 9. Update the map or include a temporary sign at the entrance to indicate that the western bridge is now impassible due to flooding.
- 10. Add plantings near trail entrance or tree in the parking lot or along the fence.

### Wet areas:

- 11. Put a sign near the western bridge to indicate that the area is impassible due to flooding.
- 12. Muddy areas on the blue trail and on the orange trail near the western bridge need elevated walkways.
- 13. Add a new bridge or relocate the bridge near the western flooded area.

### Pond area:

- 14. Add picnic table near pond.
- 15. Add garbage can near pond.
- 16. Get brook stocked with fish.