

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order -Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call – present: Chairperson Nick Sabilia, Commissioners Jessica LeClair, Paul Chase, and Bonnie Bacon. Also attending were Meredith Badalucca (Land Use and Development Department) and Town Councilor Tim May
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -none
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023 – Commissioner Chase motioned to approve, Commissioner Bacon seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
- 8) Communications -none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center Update and work party scheduling – Chair Sabilia, Vice Chair Guetens, Councilor May, and Commissioner Bacon worked on assembly of wooden walkways along the orange trail on March 26. Chair Sabilia cleared out debris near the parking lot stone wall and picnic table. A concrete pad has been requested of the Department of Public works to provide a stable base. DPW will be replacing the boards and post fencing next to the parking lot, and will remove leaf mulch and add 6-10” of good soil in garden. The garden will be ringed with large rocks. A work party will take place April 10 (Monday) between 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The following additional items were suggested as purchases:

 - signs reminding people to take their trash out
 - replacement the kiosk, perhaps matching those used by Parks and Rec
 - signs or placards identifying some trees
 - repairs for bridges which are in poor condition
 - posts to mark trails, because trail markings on trees are fading or some trees have fallen
- 10) New Business Agenda

- a) Eastern CT Conservation District “ECCD Outlook” handout discussion – sign up for future newsletters at www.conserveCT.org, go to Eastern District.
 - b) Pollinators, what do we choose and where should we plant them – preliminary discussion of area behind the Public Safety Building and rain garden at the dock area.
- 11) Comments from the Public - questions from a member of the public include request to find maps for all hiking areas in Montville. Meredith Badalucca will look into this. It was noted that there is a GIS project underway. Another comment was that the entrance sign needs replacing- this issue is being addressed.
- 12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -no additional comments
- 13) Comments from Commissioners – no additional comments
- 14) Adjourn – 6:38 p.m.