

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order -6:11 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call - Chair John Guetens, Commissioners Adam Heckle and Bonnie Bacon were present. Town Council Chair Tim May was also present.
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2024 -motion to approve made by Commissioner Bacon, seconded by Commissioner Heckle, approved unanimously.
- 7) Communications -Chair Guetens stated that all purchase orders from the Conservation Commission will go through Planning Director Matthew Davis.
- 8) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Regional Open Space plan discussion- Chair Guetens will clarify expectations for input with Director Davis, and also will also discuss the policy to raise money to acquire open space.
 - b) Garden club update-Commissioner Heckle has been cleaning up property at the bottom of Fitch Hill, and is ready to shape out some flower beds. He has also put plantings and mulch at the Conservation Center near the guardrails.
 - c) Website update – Chair Guetens said he informed Alternate Commissioner Wall that a link to the Audubon website needed to be fixed.
- 9) New Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center issues
 - i. Addressing broken plexiglass/map – Commissioner Heckle will seek a donation of plexiglass to replace the broken piece. Chair Guetens will look into getting an updated map and sign similar to what is in Burnham Tavern Trail in Lisbon, CT.
 - ii. Addressing beech tree die off (removal/replacement) -Commissioner Heckle will share his forest management plan soon. He discussed timing for starting to clear some of the diseased beech trees and said that Sept/Oct is the best timing for treating the stumps. Town Council Chair May suggested that the Department of Public Works should be consulted to take down some of the larger trees.

- iii. Water testing of pond and brook- Chair Guetens will consult the CT Ag extension service for conducting water quality tests of the pond and river to get a baseline on their health.
- b) Group walk for commissioners on Horton Cove trail-Chair Guetens suggested that the Commissioners should take a walk to familiarize themselves with the trail. Commissioner Bacon will send out an email to notify commissioners that a walk is scheduled for July 24 at 6 p.m.
- c) Planning for next community booth at the Farmer's Market – Chair Guetens will look for a date when there is a large event, potentially in September, and look for good placement near the entrance.

10) Comments from the Public-none

11) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

12) Comments from Commissioners-none

13) Adjourn -7:45 p.m.