

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Special Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order -Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Guetens.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call -Chair John Guetens, Secretary Bonnie Bacon, Commissioner Adam Heckle, and Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess were present. Town Council Chair Tim May was present. Mayor Lenny Bunnell joined later in the meeting.
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2024 -Secretary Bacon moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Heckle seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- 7) Communications –2 email communications were received:
 - a) Invitation extended from Avalonia Land Conservancy to walk the Bond Property on November 17, 9 a.m. Secretary Bacon will forward the invitation to the entire Conservation Commission, and will file a special meeting agenda for that walk.
 - b) Town Clerk Katie Haring sent a year end reminder to all Commissions to set up meeting calendars for 2025 and also forwarded a link to Rules and Procedures for the Conservation Commission. Printed copies of the Rules and Procedures were distributed. Secretary Bacon will draft the meeting calendar for 2025 to be approved at the December meeting, and will draft a year-end report.
- 8) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center update – Chair Guetens and Commissioner Heckle have been working on a stream crossing (bridge) near the Fair Oaks entrance. They have also cleared out some of the beech trees that have been affected by disease. Chair Guetens is pricing out additional tree tags and wood for repairing the existing bridges and benches, which have deteriorated. Alternate Commissioner Hess sent a thank you note to student Teagan Caviness, for her kind donation of the bat house.
 - b) Garden club update – Commissioner Heckle installed a garden at the Black Ash Road entrance to the Conservation Center.
 - c) Open space discussion – Alternate Commissioner Hess went online to the GIS system and printed out property cards for open space properties 1-7. Chair Guetens will speak with Assistant Planner Meredith Badalucca regarding how to efficiently print out

information on open space properties. He will also inquire whether developers have been paying fees in lieu of open space donations, and discuss whether the fees should be updated so that the town will be able to build funds for acquisition of open space.

9) New Business Agenda -none

10) Comments from the Public -none

11) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

12) Comments from Commissioners -none

13) Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.