

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2025, 6:00 PM  
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order – 6 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – Chair John Guetens, Commissioners Jessica LeClair, Adam Heckle, Catherine Hinojosa, Bonnie Bacon, Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess were present. Town Council Liaison Nick Sabilia, Mayor Leonard Bunnell Sr., and Town Council Chair Tim May were also present.
- 4) Presentations -Montville Garden Club 2024 Accomplishments. Commissioners Hinojosa and Heckle discussed projects completed by the Garden Club and showed before-and-after photos of the projects.
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2024 – Commissioner Hinojosa motioned to approve, Commissioner Bacon seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- 7) Communications -none
- 8) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Bond Property update -Chair Guetens has designed an information brochure for a mailer. Commissioners were asked to submit suggestions for changes to the brochure ASAP. For instance, the information that development of land in a watershed area is limited. In terms of getting the word out about this initiative, Chair Guetens has also reached out to the Boy Scouts to promote the Bond property acquisition. He also would like to hold 1-2 public walkthroughs. Commissioner Hinojosa has reached out to the Girl Scouts. Town Council Liaison Sabilia has reached out to the Montville Youth Service Bureau, and to several teachers. Town Council Chair has set up an informational meeting at the Montville Senior Center for Tuesday, Feb 25, at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Heckle has spoken with a representative at the transfer station regarding Conservation Commission members providing information to people who stop by the transfer station -dates to be determined. Chair Guetens has looked into pricing of lawn signs. Initial pricing was quoted for 100 signs. He will look into additional suppliers to compare pricing. Dates for presentation to Town Council by Avalonia, Public Hearing, and Town Meeting for vote on bonding were discussed and will be firmed up. Town Council Liaison will check with Montville High School regarding availability of high school auditorium to firm up the date for Town Meeting.

- b) Montville Trails System brochure review -discussion tabled until a future meeting
  - c) CT Trails Day (June 7-8, 2025) planning -discussion tabled until a future meeting
  - d) Conservation Center update – boards have been placed over wet areas as needed to connect the Fair Oaks entrance to the Blue Trail.
- 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-7:30 p.m.