

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2026, 6:00 PM  
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order -6:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call - Chair John Guetens, Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess, and Commissioner Bonnie Bacon (Secretary). Chair Guetens motioned to read Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess in as a voting commissioner. Commissioner Bacon seconded, and this was unanimously approved.
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2026 - Alternate Commissioner Hess motioned to approve, Chair Guetens seconded, and this was unanimously approved.
- 7) Communications - none
- 8) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Trails Day discussion and planning, including pre-event cleanup –Chair Guetens said that Commissioner Heckle has a table that he will bring. Chair Guetens will confirm whether it is a 6-foot table that will fit the branded tablecloth; if not, Chair Guetens will drop off a 6-foot table. Commissioner Hess will bring the tablecloth. Chair Guetens will go to the trail with clippers later this week, and will email if there is any additional maintenance needed before the event on Saturday. He will also request that Commissioner Hinojosa bring copies of the pamphlets regarding various hiking sites in town. Alternate Commissioner Hess has sent the event flyer to the schools and the Raymond Library. Alternate Commissioner Hess will check with the Town Clerk to put it on the calendar. Commissioner Hinojosa was not present but sent an update: she has already placed event signs in front of Lawton Trail and will bring the scavenger hunt printouts for Saturday.
  - b) Montville USA 250 update – Reveal of the Lafayette Trail Marker is on the town calendar for 12 p.m. on Saturday (June 6). Commissioner Hess reviewed the additional Montville USA 250 activities scheduled (see Montville Town Calendar).
  - c) Conservation Center update - Chair Guetens noted that the entrances need to be weeded with the string trimmer, as well as the back (yellow) trails. A workday will be discussed and potentially scheduled at the next meeting. Chair Guetens mentioned that the Mostowy walking trails near the cedar trees need to be mowed.
  - d) Garden club update – Commissioner Hinojosa provided the following updates via email:
    - i. Bella’s garden has been finalized
    - ii. Removed grass from Lawton garden and will plant this week

- iii. Added plants to the Fair Oaks entrance
- iv. Cleaned up and added plants to the Welcome to Uncasville sign
- e) Budget update – still frozen, new fiscal year starts July 1.

9) New Business Agenda

- a) Farmer's Market booth scheduling – July 7 is Montville USA 250 day. Community groups are recommended to spread out attendance throughout the summer. Chair Guetens would like to set up a booth for July 7. Secretary Bacon will email the Commissioners regarding manning a booth, in which case we would cancel the Conservation Commission regular meeting that same day.
- b) Bond Property update – Chair Guetens conveyed that Avalonia is in the final stages of acquiring the property.

10) Comments from the Public -none

11) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

12) Comments from Commissioners -Commissioners may attend the ATV ordinance public hearing June 8, 6 p.m. at Town Council Chambers.

13) Adjourn -6:56 p.m.