

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Special Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

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- 1) Call to Order 6:02 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call -Chair John Guetens, Commissioner Adam Heckle, Commissioner Bonnie Bacon, Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess, Town Council Liaison Nick Sabilia, and Town Council Chair Tim May. Commissioner Heckle motioned to read in AC Hess as a voting member. Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2026
- 7) Communications
- 8) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center update
 - i. Sand/Silt, growing problem in Fox Brook -Chair Guetens has noticed this especially near the beaver dam. (May be sand from road or power lines due to heavy rains.)
 - ii. Anti-motorcycle/ATV measures-Chair Guetens installed a 2x8 board near picnic table near Fox Pond to block motorized vehicles from crossing in that area. Commissioner Bacon motioned to spend up to \$25 on a set of signs notifying people that cameras are in use, no dumping. Commissioner Hess seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Trail markers and materials list for trails-Orange, yellow, blue, possibly several white 2X3 markers needed. Commissioner Heckle motioned to spend up to \$100 on trail markers (approx. \$37.50 per 50 units). Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.
 - iv. Work party – tabled until September
 - b) Garden club update – finished Houghton Cove gardens. Electric sign is advertising for more garden club members. Cleaned up Memorial Garden and gardens around signs. It's been hot. The club will work on the Town Hall gardens within the next few weeks.

- c) Budget update – Town Council Liaison Sabilia noted that the budget was approved at \$500 for the year.

9) New Business Agenda

- a) FEMA maps circulated to commissioners -The flood zones were adjusted.
- b) Bond Property update – The Louis and Gladys Bond Preserve property acquisition has been completed.

10) Comments from the Public -Town Council Chair May commented on how much trash is seen along the roadway.

11) Comments from Town Council Liaison

12) Comments from Commissioners – Chair Guetens noted that lanternflies have been seen in the area. Commissioner Hess updated on activities of cemetery club: a headstone was stored in the Old Town Hall basement. The cemetery club and a member of DPW returned it to the cemetery in Easton where it belonged.

13) Adjourn – 7:10 p.m.