

# Town of Montville Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes January 7, 2020, 7:15 PM Montville Town Hall, Room 102

- Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM.
- Roll Call
  - Commissioners Chase, Emilyyta, and LeClair were present.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Commissioner LeClair made a motion to add Review of Annual Report to the New Business section of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously (LeClair/Chase).
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
  - NA.
- Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2019
  - The December 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes were passed unanimously. (Chase/Emilyyta).
- Correspondence
  - NA.
- Old Business
  - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
    - Commissioner LeClair provided an overview of her meeting with representatives from the Montville Rotary Club.
    - The Commission would like to install a welcome sign that has a roof and a sliding glass door.
    - Commissioner Emilyyta will look into purchasing trail marking signs before the February meeting of the Commission.
    - Commissioner LeClair will investigate potential trail mapping applications.
  - Discuss Property Located on Fire Street
    - Commissioners LeClair and Chase visited the Fire Street property on their own and provided a description of the property.
    - The Commission will draft a letter of recommendation to the Planning Department that the future of the site include one of the following options:

- The existing house and property are sold in its entirety, with a conservation easement put on the property stating that it may not be developed further or subdivided;
    - The existing house and the surrounding 3-acre lot are sold as is, while the remaining 100 acres are kept under municipal ownership (or possibly given to a local land trust for oversight) and made open to the public for passive recreation.
  - Explore Opportunities for Creating Young Forest in Montville
    - There are many possible parcels in town that could be investigated as candidates for Young Forest, including the Fire Street property mentioned above.
- New Business
  - Discuss Social Media Page for the Commission As Well As Development of a Logo
    - Commissioner Emilyta discussed his draft logo concept. He will continue to refine for the February Conservation Commission meeting.
    - The social media discussion was tabled.
  - Discuss Participation in Sustainable CT
    - The Commission signed a letter of recommendation addressed to the Mayor and Town Council Chair encouraging the Town to consider participating in Sustainable CT.
  - Review of Conservation Commission Annual Report
    - The Conservation Commission Annual Report was approved unanimously with the amendment that the work completed falls within the fiscal 2018-2019 year. (Chase/Emilyta).
- Comments from the Public
  - NA.
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
  - NA.
- Comments from Commissioners
  - Commissioner Chase presented an article from The Day describing the public engagement process planned in East Lyme to inform the community's Plan of Conservation and Development update. Commissioner LeClair will ask the Planning Department if there is a similar public input process scheduled for Montville during the town's update process.
  - Commissioner Chase inquired if the Commission had been appointed a municipal liaison for 2020. Commissioner LeClair replied that the appointment has not yet occurred.
- Adjourn
  - Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM. (Chase/Emilyta).