

# Town of Montville Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes March 3, 2020, 7:15 PM Montville Town Hall, Room 102

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
  - Commissioners Emilyta, DiNoto and LeClair were present.
  - Councilman May was present.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Commissioner Emilyta made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 meeting agenda. Commissioner DiNoto seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
  - NA.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2020
  - Commissioner DiNoto made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Emilyta seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Correspondence
  - The Commission received an update from the Planning Department that noted two organizations received funding from CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through the Open Space Acquisition Grants. Commissioner LeClair will ask about the status of these properties.
  - The Commission received an announcement of an upcoming Connecticut Land Conservation Council's Annual Conference. Commissioners Emilyta and DiNoto expressed interest in attending, and Commission discussed opening up the event to all commissioners. The Commission entertained a motion to approve use of the budget to any commissioner interested in attending (the cost per person is \$95) (Emilyta/DiNoto). The motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business
  - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
    - Commissioners discussed the Montville Conservation Center status. Currently it appears that the Department of Public Works removed the dead trees in the parking lot.
    - Councilman May offered to create an updated map of the site.
    - Commissioner Emilyta researched trail marking signs. He found 12"x1 8" metal signs that will work for the site at \$30/each. Commissioner DiNoto made a motion to purchase the trails signs and any necessary posts and hardware, not to exceed \$250. Commissioner Emilyta seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Commissioner DiNoto will contact the Department of Public Works to see if they have any unused sign posts that we could utilize.
    - Commissioner LeClair provided an update on coordination with the Montville Rotary Club. Sign information was shared with the Rotary Club members.
    - Councilman May will check with the Department of Public Works to see if the roadside sign can be turned so it is perpendicular to the road, or if an additional sign can be added to the road.
    - Commissioner Emilyta will plant flowers around the roadside sign and Commissioners will routinely visit the site to make improvements as needed.
  - Discuss Property Located on Fire Street
    - The Commission reviewed the letter of recommendation to the Planning Department regarding the property located at 735 Fire Street. Commissioner Emilyta made a motion to approve the letter as written and to send to the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DiNoto and passed unanimously.
  - Explore Opportunities for Creating Young Forest in Montville
    - To be discussed at a future meeting of the Commission.
- New Business
  - Discuss Social Media Page for the Commission as well as Development of a Logo
    - To be discussed at a future meeting of the Commission.
  - Discuss Participation in Sustainable CT
    - The Town passed a resolution to join Sustainable CT. The Town must finalize the registration process on the program's website: [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org).
- Comments from the Public
  - NA.
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
  - Councilman May suggested that the Commission discuss with the Town Planner the fee in lieu of open space program, and inquire if this funding could be utilized for open space acquisition or maintenance.
  - Councilman May will let us know our approved 2019-2020 budget.
  - Councilman discussed an event he attended where artists were featured along a trail walk.
- Comments from Commissioners
  - Commissioner DiNoto suggested we look at pollinator friendly installations for the Montville Conservation Center. Commissioner DiNoto will investigate brands and prices for a future meeting.
- Adjourn
  - Commissioner DiNoto made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Emilyta seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.