

# Town of Montville Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021, 7:15 PM via Zoom

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
  - Commissioners Chase, Bacon, and LeClair were present.
  - Councilman May was present.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Commissioner Bacon made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 meeting agenda. Commissioner Chase seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
  - NA.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2020
  - Commissioner Bacon made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Chase seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business
  - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
    - Commissioners discussed the Montville Conservation Center status. Currently the parking lot area is in good shape due to the Department of Public Works having previously cut dead trees, trails are marked with signs or paint, and resurfacing organized by the Boy Scouts is completed.
    - There was discussion of the large trail map in the parking lot. The plexiglass front of the map box is broken, but the map itself is in good shape. Commissioner LeClair provided an update on coordination with the Montville Rotary Club, which volunteered to replace the map box in the parking lot. This hasn't yet been completed. The existing map may not accurately represent the trails and features to scale. There was discussion about apps that can be used to accurately map the trails. Councilman May suggested he will talk with MHS art department regarding collaboration to produce a new version of the map.
    - Councilman May will contact the Department of Public Works regarding the metal sign posts they have been saving for the trail marking signs as Commissioner Emilyta has moved out of Montville.

- o Discuss Participation in Sustainable CT
  - Commissioner LeClair explained that Sustainable CT ([sustainablect.org](http://sustainablect.org)) is a program based on 70 actions with multiple sub-actions. Towns can work at their own pace to get certification. As an example, two years ago, an expert spoke with Montville residents about young forests. This counts toward certification (if utilized during a three-year window). Neighboring towns are promoting themselves based on certification they've achieved.
  - Commissioner Chase explained how he has made three cuts over 5-6 years to his property to promote young forests.
  - Councilman May described two sustainable initiatives, one involving lighting and the other composting, led by Mayor McDaniel.
  
- o Comments from Commission on "221SUB1280-316 Chapel Hill Rd -32 lot cluster subdivision"
  - Commissioners were requested to provide comment on a proposed subdivision development. Comments were provided to the Planning Department before a February 19th, 2021 deadline.
  - Commissioner Bacon made a motion to approve the comments. Commissioner Chase seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- New Business
  - o Commission Leadership, Establish Schedule.
    - Commissioner LeClair suggested the schedule for the year would be the First Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m.
    - Commissioner LeClair described needing to step back from many of the activities she currently handles while also acting as Chair. Commissioner Chase and Councilman May stated that she is highly valued as Chair of this Commission. Commissioner Bacon offered to handle minutes going forward. Further discussion was cut short due to the 40 minute limitation on free Zoom meetings.
  
- Comments from the Public
  - o NA
  
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
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- Comments from Commissioners
  - o NA
  
- Adjourn 7:50 PM.