

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Special Meeting Agenda
April 6th, 2021, 7:15 PM

This meeting was held electronically via videoconferencing.

- Call to Order
 - Meeting of the Montville Conservation Commission called to order at 7:15 PM.
- Roll Call
 - Commissioners present: Chase, LeClair, Bacon.
 - Councilor May was present.
- Approval of Special Meeting Agenda
 - Commissioner Chase proposed adding discussion of use of Mostoway Property as a Nature Center to Old Business. Commissioner Chase made a motion to approve the amended April 6, 2021 meeting agenda. Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
 - No comments from the public.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2021
 - Commissioner Chase made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 2, 2021. Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business
 - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance.
 - ACTION: Councilor May will obtain a brochure of the kiosks that Parks and Rec are ordering so that the Conservation Commission can discuss whether these would be appropriate for the Nature Center.
 - ACTION: Councilor May will discuss with Public Works whether existing the Nature Center entrance sign can be rotated so that it is perpendicular to the entrance.
 - ACTION: Councilor May will ask the Town Planner to attend a Conservation Commission meeting to discuss how best to bridge wet areas in the Nature Center trails.
 - Discuss Consideration of use of Mostoway Property as a Nature Center.

- Commissioner Chase proposed that the Mostoway Property serve as open space adjacent to Camp Oakdale. A main trail through the property has been cut and the property is accessible from the football field. Councilor May recalled the Conservation Commission's previous recommendation to the Town Council for developing passive recreation opportunities at the location (see Special Meeting Minutes Jan 15, 2019). Commissioner Chase stated that the DEEP had recommended that the property be left as-is because it could be habitat for the New England Cottontail.
 - ACTION: The Commission will update its letter to the Town Council.
 - ACTION: Commissioner LeClair will contact Parks and Rec Director about sharing a survey of the property.
- New Business
 - Commission Roles
 - Commissioner LeClair is stepping down as Chair and Secretary.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Chase nominating Commissioner Bacon to serve as Secretary of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner LeClair. Motion passed unanimously
 - Commissioner Chase, serving as Vice Chair, needs more time to decide whether to take on the Chair role.
 - Councilor May will talk to Town Clerk about setting up meetings and running them.
 - 2021 Meeting Schedule
 - May 4th, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - June 1st, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - July 6th, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - August 3rd, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - September 7th, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - October 5th, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - November 2nd, 2021, 7:15 PM
 - December 7th, 2021, 7:15 PM
- Comments from the Public
 - No comments from the public.
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
 - No additional comments from the Municipal Liaison.
- Comments from Commissioners
 - No comments from the Commissioners.
- Adjourn
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.