

## ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes

June 25, 2019

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Michael Palazzi, Meghan Lally, Carrie Crompton, Maryann Gile, Gary Gile (sitting in for Scott Warren). Scott was absent, except for a brief visit to bid the Commission farewell.
2. Additions/deletions to agenda
  - Maryann added old business (d) pollinator pathway; and old business (f) rural town conference.
  - Meghan added old business (e) recruiting for vacancy for alternate; and new business (e) CACIWC update
3. Minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Minutes of the June 4, 2019 special meeting were unanimously approved.
5. Public speak. None.
6. Old business
  - a. **C.A.R.T. Update.** Mike reports that there will be ~\$700 for each group in July. There are still three groups sorting recyclables; so far, no group has stepped up for the vacant fourth position.
  - b. **Bylaws Update.** We made edits to Sections 11-15. Meghan sent out the revised document to members. We will review this at the July meeting.
  - c. **Land Donations to Andover.** Meghan will contact the Eastern CT Environmental Review Team to see if we can get a basic inventory of the natural resources on the two Land Trust parcels, two town-owned parcels, and the Talbot property, as a unit. There is no fee for this service.
  - d. **Pollinator Pathway.** Maryann shared information about a pollinator event held in Columbia this month, and suggested that we do a similar event in 2020.
  - e. **Vacancies for Alternates.** As of our next meeting, there will be one vacant alternate position. We would like to recruit individuals with some experience in environmental science/advocacy.
  - f. **2019 Rural Lands Rural Towns Conference and Annual Meeting.** Maryann reported that she was unable to make arrangements with John Valente to get reimbursement for the \$25 fee to before the June 13, meeting, and so did not attend. This was a disappointment. We agree that we should create a calendar of annual conferences in September, and sign

up for them early so that conference attendance fees are budgeted well in advance.

7. New business

- a. **Materials for Trail Improvements.** Mike reports that stone and aggregate for the Chamberlain Trail and Merritt Valley parking lot improvements have already been delivered to the Public Works building. The invoice has not come in yet. Carol Lee has placed orders for the honeycomb and the geotextile fabric. The money for these items has been encumbered.
- b. **Fencing on South Side of the Chamberlin Pond.** Ron Mike, Fire Chief, has supplied written permission from the Andover Volunteer Fire Department stating that cedar fencing would be acceptable as long as it does not interfere with access to the fire department hydrants. No fencing has been ordered at this point. Carrie added that the Andover Beautification Commission has offered \$264 worth of purchase orders for native plants to the Conservation Commission, to be used to enhance the periphery of the parking lot.
- c. **Work Dates for Trail Improvements.** No dates have been set for laying stone on the Chamberlain Pond Trail and the access path across the Algonquin gas line. This work will need to be scheduled in coordination with Andover Bike/Walk for a time when the ground is reasonably dry,
- d. **Town of Andover Boundary Markers.** Meghan will order these. Mike will create a purchase order before Thursday, June 27.
- e. **CACIWC Conference.** This is scheduled for November 23, 2019. As a member of CACIWC, Meghan requested that we make a list of workshop topics that would be of interest to our group.

8. Next regular meeting: July 30, 2019.

9. Adjournment. Meghan moved we adjourn, Maryann seconded the motion. All seated commissioners voted in favor 5/0/0; motion Passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

These minutes are subject to approval by the Andover Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Crompton