

Conservation Commission Minutes
January 30, 2024
7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

- **Call to order** – meeting was called to order at 7:08. Present: Maryann Gile (Chair), Hank Gruner, Catherine Shea, Gary Gile, Carrie Crompton.
- - **Public speak** – none (no public present).
 - **Additions/deletions to agenda** – Hank requested the addition of new business: meeting with Chester Conservation Commission regarding their POCD.
 - **Approval of last meeting minutes** – Maryann moved, Carrie seconded, all approved.
 - **Old Business:**
 - **C.A.R.T. update** – no update.
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 - **IWWCD/P&Z update** – Hank has invited wetlands agent Joe Wagner to join CT-ECO, so Joe now has access to all the Conservation Commission maps.
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 - **Sustainable CT update** – no meeting this month. Maryann has heard from the organization that they are trying to streamline their certification process.
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 - **Treasurer's report** – our account remains the same as last month: \$650 total, of which \$525 is budgeted for conferences. Several of us would like to attend the CLCC meetings on March23, which will require advance registration. Maryann will send out a reminder once the deadline for registering has been posted to the CLCC website.
 - **Natural resource inventory planning/POCD** – Hank has created a broad outline for our recommendations to the 2025 Andover POCD. We will be working to refine this outline and fill it in with research and writing over the next few months.
 - **Proposal for Joshua's trust parcel on Skinner Hill Road** -- The BOS received our recommendation letter and approved it, pending agreement from all abutting property owners. Bill Penn has agreed to be the steward for this Joshua's Trust property.
 - **EQIP** – Evan has drafted a letter to be sent to Andover residents who own over 10 acres, giving a brief synopsis of the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and inviting residents to attend an informational meeting at the Community Room. Maryann will check with the assessor's office to see if we can

get a list of eligible property owners. Maryann will also check with Town Hall to see whether we can book this meeting for the evening of Wednesday, February 28, or Thursday, February 29. The letter should go out by February 12.

- **New Business:**

Meeting with Chester Conservation Commission -- Hank recently did a 2-hour Zoom call with the Chester Conservation Commission, IWWC, and P&Z. They are interested in sharing information about techniques for mapping natural resources in the towns; Hank felt that this exchange would benefit both towns as we work toward our next POCDs.

- **Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.** Cathy moved, Hank seconded, all approved.
- **Next meeting:** February 27, via Zoom

**Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Crompton**