

CLINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Clinton
William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

MINUTES

Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2021

Chairman Catherine Zamecnik called the January 13, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting of the Town of Clinton's Conservation Commission to order at 6:37 P.M.

Members present: Chairman Catherine Zamecnik, Secretary Charlene Best
(arrived at 6:37 P.M.), Bertram Schmitz, Lawrence Ouellette,
John P. May and Mary Jo Phelps

Members absent: Lawrence Ouellette and John Escobales

Also present: Clerk Sherry Lee Hynes and potential student members
Clara Franconia and Olivia Roccio

Chairman Zamecnik welcomed potential student members Clara Franzoni and Olivia Riccio to the meeting. They spoke about their interest in becoming student members on the Commission, their classes in environmental studies and their college aspirations.

Chairman Zamecnik **appointed** Phelps as the Acting Secretary.

Workshop: Greenways/Blueways Mapping

Clerk Hynes advised that this mapping was never completed. This was tabled to the February 10, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. Best noted that it was tabled until the Westbrook/Clinton Blueway was formalized.

Best arrived at 6:46 P.M.

Workshop: Cultural Areas Designated for Preservation Mapping

Chairman Zamecnik will research the Historic District's website for information for the February 10, 2021 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting.

Minutes. December 2, 2020 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting.

Best **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the December 2, 2020 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Schmitz, Ouellette, May and Phelps. Opposed: none. Abstentions: None. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

Bills/Correspondence

December 15, 2020 Letter of thank you from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council for the donation.

Old/New Business

- Operating Budget FY 20/21. Following a discussion of available funding and potential funding needs, Best **MOVED** to send a \$50 donation to the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District. Schmitz seconded the motion, Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Schmitz, Ouellette, May and Phelps. Opposed: none. Abstentions: None. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.
- Town Web Site – Conservation Page. Chairman Zamecnik asked for and received suggestions from members of what they would like to see on the web page.
- Member Educational Opportunities. Clerk Hynes noted that the Connecticut Bar Association Land Use Seminar will be coming up this Spring and possibly the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists' Annual Meeting.
- Report: National Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee. Tabled.
- Report: Sustainable CT. Certification. Chairman Zamecnik, also a member of the Sustainability Committee, gave a general overview on how the Town gets the points needed to obtain certification. Having the certification is a positive step towards the acquisition of grants and other funding.
- Report: Open Space Acquisition Segregated Account. Update by Schmitz. The account is in tact.
- West Bank of Indian River (adjacent to parking area behind Shore TV) between East Main Street and the Railroad Tracks. Chairman Zamecnik will contact Carrie Allen about the possibility of a joint effort by the Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance Committee and the Conservation Commission on the development as a pocket park.
- Potential Student Members. Clerk Hynes explained the process to become a non-voting student member of the Commission.

Additions to Next Agenda: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting.

None at this time.

There being no further business, Phelps **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Best seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Best, Phelps, May and Schmitz. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:00 P.M. to the February 10, 2021 Virtual Monthly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
Sherry Lee Hynes, Clerk

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cc: Town Clerk
Town Counsel

Posted: Website