

CLINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES Regular Monthly Meeting February 9, 2022

In the absence of Chairman Nick Webb, Vice Chairman Catherine Zamecnik called the February 9, 2022 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Vice Chairman Catherine Zamecnik, Secretary Mary Jo Phelps, Bertram Schmitz, Lawrence Ouellette, and, Mark Giaconia
Members absent: Chairman Nick Webb and Student Member Tobias Adler
Also present: Clerk Sherry Lee Hynes

Visitor(s): none.

Workshops:

- Open Space Index & Natural Resource Inventory
 - Title Page
Tabled until Webb is present.
- West Bank of the Indian River
Zamecnik spoke with Town Councilman Carrie Allen who advised that the rain gardens are on the list of projects proposed to be funded under the American Recovery Act. She will speak further with Allen on this. Schmitz noted that maintenance is the key. Rain gardens on trial at a State site have been paved over due to the lack of maintenance. Rain gardens, pollinator pathway projects and dark skies should be incorporated into the site.
- Pollinator Pathway Project – tabled until Spring 2022.
 - Brochure. Giaconia distributed his proposed brochure for comments. Clerk Hynes and Wetlands Enforcement Officer King reviewed the brochure and suggested that there be some way of letting readers know that there is a second page.
 - Clinton Land Conservation Trust (CLCT). Giaconia contacted Michael Houde at the CLCT. Giaconia has been invited to their March Meeting.
- **Dark Skies Project**. Ouellette sent a draft letter to Webb and Zamecnik. He read the proposed letter to go to the Town Council, Land Use Agencies and other entities. By consensus, members approved the contents. Zamecnik and Webb will distribute the letter.

- Residential Food Composting. Webb and Zamecnik have an appointment scheduled with Town Manager Karl Kilduff on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.
- Japanese Knotweed. Tabled until Webb is present.
- By-Laws. Tabled until Webb is present.

Minutes: January 12, 2022 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting. Zamecnik **MOVED** to approve as presented, the Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting. Giaconia seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Phelps, Schmitz, Ouellette and Giaconia. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 6-0-0.

Bills/Correspondence. February 3, 2022 Thank You Letter from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council for the Commission's donation was read by Hynes.

Old/New Business

- Operating Budget FY 21/22. Update by Hynes.
- Proposed Operating Budget FY 22/23. Zamecnik will contact Webb to see if this will be discussed with Town Manager Kilduff when they meet about Residential Composting.
- Open Space Acquisition Funds. The pursuance of funds will be added to the March meeting.
- Member Educational Opportunities. Hynes advised that the virtual CAWS Annual Meeting is coming up in early March. The registration period is still open. The chairman and one member may attend with the registration fees covered by the Town. Others may attend at their own cost. Members should let Hynes know no later than February 18, 2022 if they wish to attend.
- Sustainable CT. Certification for Clinton. Zamecnik suggested all members should go to the site and review what the Town has submitted and what is outstanding. Some of the Conservation Commission projects may meet the required documents to obtain the certification certificate.
- Membership. A regular member seat and a student member seat are vacant.
- Library. Tabled until later in the current budget season.
- Visitor: April 13, 2022 Meeting: John Guszowski, Consulting Town Planner. Revisit Topics for Discussion. No additions at this time.
- Report: January 31, 2022 Annual Joint Meeting of Boards & Commissions. Tabled until Webb is present.

Additions to Next Agenda: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Virtual Monthly Meeting. Support of a proposed pollinator pathway project by Emily Lisy's environmental science classes at The Morgan School.

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There being no further business, Ouellette **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Schmitz seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Zamecnik, Phelps, Schmitz, Ouellette and Giaconia. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:38 P.M. to the March 16, 2022 Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Lee Hynes
Sherry Lee Hynes, Clerk

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