

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022, 7:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

All persons in attendance must wear a face mask if not fully vaccinated and remain six feet from others.

Comments will only be accepted at times designated for public comment by the Chair of the meeting. Written comments must be emailed to the Town Clerk at townclerk@montville-ct.org at least **1 working day in advance.**

Written comments may not be read in their entirety, but rather similar messages may be aggregated or paraphrased for submission to the Mayor, Council, Board or Commission.

- 1) Call to Order-called to order at 7:00.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military was observed.
- 3) Roll Call – Chairman Chase, Commissioner Carver, and Commissioner Bacon were present. Councilor May was present.
- 4) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -Add 8)d) motion to give favorable recommendation to Town Council for POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) amendments.
- 5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none.
- 6) Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2021- Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Communications – Documents regarding sustainability concepts and action items were provided by Director of Planning Liz Burdick to be discussed at a later date.
- 8) Old Business Agenda:
 - a) Work done at Conservation Center on 12/18/21. – Volunteers/Commission members mowed blue trail, groomed undergrowth, removed leaves on orange trail for about 2 hours.
 - b) Meeting with Planning Dept. 12/10/21 for corrections to 2021 Plan of Conservation and Development. -Chairman Chase identified errors in the document. Changes were made.
 - c) Sale of Mostowy property (30 acres). Across the street from the Mostowy property section owned by the Town of Montville. No further information is available about the future use of this property.
 - d) Motion to send a favorable letter to Town Council (agenda item added). The Montville Conservation Commission resolves to forward a favorable report to the Town Council for

2021 amendments to the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development. Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9) New Business Agenda

- a) Vote to amend conservation commission rules to change the time <https://ecode360.com/documents/MO2050/public/467538307.pdf> . Commissioner Carver motioned to revise the bylaws to make the start time 6:00 p.m., and Commissioner Bacon seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Councilor May will contact Director of Planning Liz Burdick.
- b) Additional dates for Commission members to work at the Conservation Center likely once per month weather permitting. Members will meet Sunday Jan 9, 1:30 p.m. to assess maintenance needs. Starting around April, Commissioner Carver will post dates and times on Facebook, Montville Community Forum, to notify community members who'd like to volunteer.
- c) Establish list of maintenance items for Conservation Center. Councilor May suggested that we develop a list before going out and assign an MCC member to be a lead for each item. For instance, markers on trees need to be refreshed. Places where boardwalk needs to be installed should be measured. The impact of a beaver dam near the second bridge should be assessed.
- d) Establish a date in the spring to have a Volunteer Day, potentially in coordination with Parks and Recreation. Councilor May will work with Parks & Rec to identify a day.

10) Comments from the Public-none.

11) Comments from Town Council Liaison. Dept of Public Works hired a tree company who cut down several damaged trees and limbs in the Conservation Center parking area. The Commission secretary should cc: the Director of Planning on communications so that she can attend meetings when applicable.

12) Comments from Commissioners-none

13) Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.