

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order- 6:04 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call -Chairman Chase, Commissioners Carver, LeClair, and Bacon present. Alternate Commissioner Guetens, Councilor May, and Assistant Planner Bezanson were present. Alternate Commissioner Guetens was voted in as an acting member standing in for Commissioner Sabilia.
- 4) Presentations -none
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -none
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2022 -Commissioner Bacon motioned for approval, Commissioner LeClair seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 8) Communications -none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Beech tree blight update from Frank Cervo -Chairman Chase read an email from Forester Cervo and will invite him to return for a more in-depth site visit of the conservation center and make recommendations for mitigation of the blight.
 - b) Conservation Center Garden update - Chairman Chase provided a planting plan and cost estimate from American Landscape and Lawn Science of North Franklin. The estimate was \$2330 for plants and installation. Assistant Planner Bezanson will find out from the Finance Department whether more than one bid is required. Councilor May suggested that the commissioners take time to review the plan and vote on it at the next meeting.
 - c) Discussion on creation of social media page/ website additions- Assistant Planner Bezanson announced that a contact email address was created for the Conservation Commission, and she will receive these emails. Commissioners were requested to research websites of other towns regarding ideas for improving the usefulness of the MCC web page on the town website, and also consider whether there is interest in an MCC Facebook page.
- 10) New Business Agenda:
 - a) Discussion of future presentations by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on Invasive Insects and Ticks and Tick borne diseases- Assistant Planner Bezanson

contacted several professionals at the CAES. Commissioners are most interested in what invasive plants and insects are seen in this area, including up-and-coming threats such as the spotted lanternfly. A presentation could be targeted for 7 p.m., immediately after our upcoming March meeting. A presentation on ticks and tick borne parasites would be valuable to have posted on the MCC website if there is a video already available.

- b) Sustainable CT updates - Assistant Planner Bezanson prepared an aerial map from GPS data provided by Councilor May. She requested feedback on a final look for the map. Commissioner LeClair indicated that the trail length should be included.
- c) Election of officers- will be postponed until the December meeting.

11) Comments from the Public -none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison – The stump in the parking lot was removed. The new sign will be installed by the DPW soon.

13) Comments from Commissioners -none

14) Adjourn – Acting Commissioner Guetens motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Bacon seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.