

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

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

- 1) Call to Order – 6:01 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call -Chairman Paul Chase, Commissioner Nick Sabilia, Commissioner Jess LeClair, Commissioner Jeff Carver, Commissioner Bonnie Bacon, and Alternate Commissioner John Guetens were present. Town Councilor May was also present.
- 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 November 1, 2022 – Commissioner Sabilia motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner LeClair seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 8) Communications -none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Garden update and discussion -Chairman Chase shared the proposal from American Landscaping. Councilor May will check with Financing regarding any requirement for additional bids.
 - b) Beech blight update -Frank Cervo agreed to return to the Conservation Center for a more thorough assessment. Chairman Chase presented some proposed dates and will contact Forester Cervo with a proposal of Jan 16, 2022 (preferred), or Jan 10, 11, 12, 17 or 18. Commissioners can accompany Forester Cervo if they are available.
 - c) Election of officers – new officers nominated, and each unanimously elected:

Chair- Nick Sabilia
Vice Chair – John Guetens
Secretary – Bonnie Bacon

- 10) New Business Agenda
 - a) Discussion of Budget FY 2024 – Commissioner Sabilia motioned to table budget discussion until January meeting. Commissioner Bacon seconded. Unanimously agreed.
 - b) Follow up for presentation by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on Invasive Insects – Assistant Planner Bezanson had provided the Commission with an

email discussion from a potential presenter, with a previously agreed upon date. Commissioners unanimously confirmed the date as March 7 , 7:00 p.m. (after the scheduled meeting).

- c) 2023 Calendar – The following dates were accepted and unanimously agreed upon:

MEETING DATES 2023

**Tuesdays at 6:00 pm – Room 103
Montville Town Hall**

January 3, 2023

February 7, 2023

March 7, 2023

April 4, 2023

May 2, 2023

June 6, 2023

July 11, 2023*

August 1, 2023

September 5, 2023

October 3, 2023

November 8, 2023**

December 5, 2023

January 2, 2024

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

*** The July meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month because of the holiday.**

****The November meeting is on the 1st Wednesday of the month because of Election Day.**

11) Comments from the Public -none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -Councilor May requested that the Commission set up dates to continue planned work in the Conservation Center.

13) Comments from Commissioners – Commissioner LeClair provided information to register for a webinar from UCONN CLEAR: “CT Trail Finder and Avenza Maps Webinar”. Commissioner LeClair and all other Commissioners thanked Chairman Chase for his strong leadership of the Commission.

14) Adjourn – 7:04 p.m.