

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2023, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order- 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call -Chairman Nick Sabilia, Commissioners Jess LeClair, Bonnie Bacon, Paul Chase, and Vice Chairman (and Alternate) John Guetens were present. John Guetens was read in as a voting Commissioner. Town Councilor Tim 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 December 6, 2022- Commissioner Bacon motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Chase seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 8) Communications -none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Garden update and discussion -Councilor May stated that it isn't necessary to collect additional bids. A copy of the site plan will be submitted to Dept of Public Works for them to write up a purchase order. Commissioner Chase will get an amended quote that doesn't include tax. Chairman Sabilia scheduled Sat, Jan 7, 8:30 a.m. to prepare the garden for planting.
 - b) Beech blight update with Frank Cervo – Commissioners will join Frank Cervo on Monday, January 16 at 10 a.m. at the Conservation Center to hear his advice on ameliorating the beech blight.
 - c) Follow up for presentation by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on Invasive Insects -Assistant Planner Bezanson sent an email confirming that a speaker from The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will present on Invasive Insects on March 7, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers. She is also working on a flyer to advertise the event.
- 10) New Business Agenda:
 - a) Discussion of scheduling a presentation by Markham Starr. Chairman Sabilia spoke with the author, who agreed to give a 70 minute presentation. A possible date would be April

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4th. Chairman Sabilia will discuss the date with Mr Starr, ask what he needs, and look into reserving Council Chambers. Commissioners discussed ways to advertise the event.

b) Discussion of 2023-2024 Budget

Commissioner Chase motioned to keep the proposed Conservation Commission budget for next year the same as the current year's adopted budget:

Fees	\$65
Training and Conferences	\$200
Printing	\$125
<u>Misc Supplies</u>	<u>\$100</u>
Total	\$490

Vice Chairman Guetens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

11) Comments from the Public -none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -Town Councilor May collected GIS data for the main trails at the conservation center, which he shared with Assistant Planner Bezanson. There are no updates on the Avalonia proposed purchase of the Bond property.

13) Comments from Commissioners -Commissioners discussed doing an inventory of Montville's open space. Commissioner LeClair has a large-size map. Also, Chairman Sabilia will check with Boy Scout Tyler Lawton to get an update on his Eagle Scout project. Vice Chairman Guetens and Chairman Sabilia discussed improving the Commission's website.

14) Adjourn – Commissioner Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chairman Guetens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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