

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Agenda
May 2, 2023, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers – Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order – 6:02 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence in Honor of our Military
- 3) Roll Call - present: Chairperson Nick Sabilia, Commissioners Jessica LeClair, Paul Chase, and Bonnie Bacon. Also attending was Town Councilor Tim May
- 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 April 4, 2023 Commissioner Chase motioned to approve, Commissioner LeClair seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
- 8) Communications - none
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center Update, including garden wall/border – The garden and mulch were installed and the garden is doing well. The dogwood tree is blooming. Chairperson Sabilia placed large stones as a loose border to protect the garden. He mentioned that 16” is a recommended height for a stone wall/border. Discussion of different wall types concluded that the stones sourced from around the parking lot area may be the best choice for the wall. A metal edging/border may be useful for retaining the mulch. Graffiti (cartoon characters) was seen on the new wooden railings in the parking lot. Commissioners agreed that it wasn’t offensive. Public Works Director John Carlson emailed the Commission stating that he had the bog log bridge materials at public works as well as sign poles. Chairperson Sabilia will choose a date for the next work party and will email Commissioners regarding that date and time, and will also look into arrangement of a tree identification walk. Commissioner Chase will contact Frank Cervo regarding the rescheduling of the beech blight walk.
 - b) Update on remaining funds –Councilor May stated that the commission still has several thousand dollars of ARPA money outstanding and urged the commission to finalize plans to use it. Needs identified include: replacement of benches, millings in the parking lot,

tree identification signs, a new kiosk, and standalone trail markers. Commissioners plan to get price estimates for these items before the next meeting.

10) New Business Agenda

a) Council of Government's rain barrel/composter sale

Commissioner LeClair had noted that a different COG was doing this and she will check with our regional COG to see if this is something that the Conservation Commission can get involved with.

11) Comments from the Public- Elaine Hess suggested arranging a booth at the farmer's market so commissioners can meet with the public and highlight the town's conservation efforts, publicize walking trails, and sell rain barrels and composters if the commission becomes involved in that project. She also volunteered to work with Councilor May to identify edging for the conservation center garden from a local vendor.

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison - none

13) Comments from Commissioners -Commissioners commented on the success of the recent talks on invasive insects and ceremonial stonework.

14) Adjourn -Commissioner Chase motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Bacon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.