

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

---

Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 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 - present: Vice Chairperson John Guetens, Commissioners Jessica LeClair, Paul Chase, and Bonnie Bacon. Also attending was Town Councilor Tim May. Commissioner LeClair motioned for Vice Chairperson Guetens to be approved as a voting member; Commissioner Bacon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 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 May 2, 2023 Commissioner LeClair motioned to approve, Commissioner Bacon seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 8) Communications – Councilor May received a communication from Winston Averill, Recycling Coordinator (SCRRA) re: backyard composters, pricing and availability. Discussion is recorded below under 9b.
- 9) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Conservation Center Update and Work day scheduling- July 1-2 was discussed as the best timeframe for Work day scheduling, and it was suggested that Chairperson Sabilia should email commissioners to confirm a time. Projects include more boardwalks to be built on sections of the orange trail; the trail to the bridge near the pond is wet and could use fixing, potentially with a boardwalk; and a bridge could be added to cross the stream to connect to an existing path to the Community Center. Commissioners discussed taking turns providing water to the garden during dry periods.
  - b) Council of Government’s rain barrel/composter sale – Councilor May will purchase at least one backyard composter (\$45) and get pamphlets from SCRRA and will bring these to the Farmer’s Market booth. Commissioner LeClair will follow up with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District executive director, Dan Mullins, regarding rain barrels for sale.

10) New Business Agenda

- a) Farmer's Market Booth Discussion (June 20 4-7 p.m., Camp Oakdale Pavilion area)- Commissioner LeClair will provide a pop up tent which can be set up outside of the Pavilion. Elaine Hess will provide a table, easel and sign up sheets for 1) Interest in being notified for future Conservation Commission events (talks, work parties, cleanups, hikes) and 2) Interest in a Garden Club in Montville (see #12 below). Councilor May will provide a compost bin and pamphlets with directions on how to purchase. Chairperson Sabilia will provide a poster (with help from other commissioners if requested) and seeds to give away. Commissioners should show up before 4 p.m. to set up.

11) Comments from the Public- none.

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison – Councilor May suggested that the commission look into interest in establishing a garden club for the town of Montville, which may have interest in beautifying areas of town besides Town Hall (which has gardens designed and maintained by Mrs. Desjardins). A signup can be provided at the Farmer's Market booth.

13) Comments from Commissioners – Commissioners discussed the Sustainable CT Bronze award recently earned by Montville. Commissioner LeClair mentioned that further efforts such as promotion and adoption of compost bins could help the town achieve an even higher level (Silver) award.

14) Adjourn -Commissioner Bacon motioned to adjourn and Commissioner LeClair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.