

Town of Montville  
Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 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: Chairperson Nick Sabilia, Vice Chairperson John Guetens, Commissioners Jessica LeClair, Paul Chase, Jeff Carver 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 June 6, 2023 – corrected a scribe error. Commissioner Chase motioned to approve, Commissioner Carver seconded, unanimously approved.
- 8) Communications – Chairperson Sabilia received several emails enquiring about formation of a Garden Club.
- 9) Old Business Agenda
  - a) Conservation Center Update and Workday scheduling – Bee balm is blooming in the Conservation Center garden. Frank Cervo hasn't gotten in touch regarding Beech Blight problem. Commissioner Chase will follow up. Commissioner Carver volunteered to create a QR code for the trail map. Commissioner Sabilia will lead installation of more walkways at the Center, to be joined by any commissioners who are able to attend (Jul 24, 2023 5:00 p.m. – meet at the Conservation Center parking lot).
  - b) Farmer's Market Booth Discussion – Several people left their names at the booth on June 20, to be notified about presentations, hikes, and cleanups. Two people left their names to be contacted regarding starting a Garden Club. Commissioners discussed hosting a booth at another Farmer's Market but no date was proposed or set.
- 10) New Business Agenda
  - a) Future presentation ideas and planning  
Commissioner Carver motioned to form a subcommittee to discuss bylaws for a Garden Club, Vice Chairman Guetens seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. A subcommittee (Commissioner LeClair, Alternate Commissioner Hess, and Town Councilor May) to

discuss bylaws for a Garden Club will meet on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Room 102.

Commissioner LeClair proposed that the commission should consider sponsoring a hike in the fall.

Town Councilor May proposed that the commission should start planning for Trails day 2024.

Chairperson Sabilia proposed that the commission keeps in touch with the Raymond Library, who sponsor talks on topics that may be of mutual interest; also he proposed following up with SCRRA to provide a talk on composting this fall.

Commissioner Carver proposed topics of interest to homeowners interested in conservation-friendly solutions to common problems.

11) Comments from the Public- none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

13) Comments from Commissioners -none

14) Adjourn – motion to adjourn made at 7:20 p.m. by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner LeClair. Unanimously approved