

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
August 1, 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 – Chairperson Sabilia, Commissioners Guetens, LeClair, and Bacon, and Alternate Commissioner Hess were present. Councilor May was 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 July 11, 2023 – Commissioner LeClair motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Guetens seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Communications
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center update – Chairperson Sabilia noted that the commissioners made progress on assembling more walkways on the Orange trail during the July 24 work party. Councilor May noted that there are several boards remaining for future construction of more walkways. Commissioner Guetens noted that raccoons are getting into the garbage can next to the parking area. Commissioner LeClair suggested looking into other garbage cans that are harder for animals to get into. The next date for commissioners to work at the Conservation Center will be August 27, 9 a.m. Two commissioners will meet on Aug 10 at 4 p.m. to scope out whether any walkways are needed on the footpath. Councilor May showed three different kiosks (different sizes) that could be purchased so that information can be posted at the entrance to trails, in addition to the trail map. Commissioner Bacon motioned that Chairman Sabilia request a purchase order for the kiosk that will cost \$1000, Commissioner LeClair seconded, motion passed unanimously. Commissioner LeClair had instructions on how to upload the GIS data to CT All Trails, and will contact the Planning Department to get the GIS data.
 - b) Garden club update – The subcommittee had a meeting, and will schedule another meeting in August.
 - c) Nip update-no update at this time.

10) New Business Agenda

- a) Discussion on possible participation in community expo event at Raymond Library September 30th -Chairperson Sabilia noted that the library is sponsoring a “National Good Neighbor event on Saturday Sept 30, 10am- 1 pm. Alternate Hess will put together a booth.
- b) Appreciation- Paul C. and public works -Alternate Commissioner Hess will draft a resolution and submit to the Mayor and Town Council.

11) Comments from the Public - There was a suggestion to have Trails Day hikes encompass Camp Oakdale trails as well as the Conservation Center; and discussions on the proposed Garden Club including funding, sites for gardens, and whether there is a policy on using native plants in plantings/gardens.

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

13) Comments from Commissioners -none

14) Adjourn -Commissioner LeClair motioned to adjourn Commissioner Bacon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.