

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023, 6:00 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

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- 1) Call to Order -meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – Chairman Nick Sabilia, Commissioners Jessica LeClair and Bonnie Bacon, and Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess and Town Council Liaison Tim May were present. Additionally, Garden Club members Adam Heckle and Catherine Hinojosa were present.
- 4) Presentations -Niantic River Watershed Summit summary (Bonnie Bacon) -Commissioner Bacon circulated education flyers-including one NRWC created for homeowners entitled Healthy Lawns, Healthy River-she collected at the NRWS. She also noted that Montville has a Director on the Committee (Dave Turner -2023 and Nathan Herman – 2024). The commissioners discussed staying in touch with NRWC for further educational collaborations.
- 5) Alterations to the Meeting Agenda -none
- 6) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none
- 7) Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023 – Chairperson Sabilia requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Bacon motioned to approve, Commissioner LeClair seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 8) Communications -A letter was received by Certified Mail from the Michaud Law Group dated Oct 26, 2023. This letter was read aloud at the meeting. A copy is provided with the minutes. Commissioner Bacon will contact Director Liz Burdick to get her input regarding next actions.
- 9) Old Business Agenda
 - a) Conservation Center update
 - i. Kiosk update -Payment was sent out for the kiosk.
 - ii. CT Trail Finder update -several Commissioners input information into the form. Commissioner LeClair is coordinating input and will post the information this week.

- iii. Installing bench donated by Montville Lion's Club update - Town Councilor May stated that Director John Carlson is waiting for a concrete slab. The bench will be sited near the kiosk. Commissioner Hess received information about the trex program from Lion's Club Chairman Bruce Engelman. She will contact the media regarding this donation and coordinate a thank you to the Lion's Club.
- b) Garden club update- The Garden club is doing some cleanup work and winter planning is underway.
- c) Nips update -no update
- d) Trails Day planning, including scavenger hunt -discussion tabled.
- e) Fall walk update -discussion tabled.
- f) Lights Out update -Commissioner LeClair is preparing a proposal for town participation.
- g) Discussion of remaining funds and uses -There is around \$4000 remaining.

10) New Business Agenda

- a) Conservation Center -new items
 - i. Discuss building trail loop in NE corner -discussion tabled.
 - ii. Picnic table by pond was moved and needs repositioning -Commissioner Sabilia will identify someone to help him reposition this.

11) Comments from the Public -none

12) Comments from Town Council Liaison -none

13) Comments from Commissioners -none

14) Adjourn - motion to adjourn made by Commissioner LeClair, seconded by Commissioner Bacon, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.