

Town of Montville Conservation Commission

Special Meeting Minutes November 5, 2019, 7:15 PM Montville Town Hall, Room 102

- Call to Order
 - The November 5, 2019 Special Meeting of the Montville Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:18 PM.
- Roll Call
 - Commissioners Chase, Emilyyta, Lespier, and LeClair were present.
- Approval of Agenda
 - The November 5, 2019 agenda was approved unanimously. (Chase/Emilyyta).
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items
 - NA.
- Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2019
 - The September 3, 2019 special meeting minutes were approved unanimously. (Emilyyta/Lespier).
- Correspondence
 - The Town of Montville Finance Department sent a request for a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Emilyyta volunteered to prepare a proposed budget that would include funding for conference attendance, trail signage, and miscellaneous expenses (printing, other).
- Old Business
 - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
 - The Rotary Club is still interested in donating an updated sign/welcome station for the Montville Conservation Center. Commissioner LeClair will reach out to the Rotary Club to discuss next steps.
 - Commissioner Lespier will attempt to map the Montville Conservation Center trails electronically before the December meeting of the Conservation Commission.
 - The Commission discussed the possibility of installing boardwalks or boardwalk-type walkways over the wet areas of existing trail.
 - Discuss Property Located on Fire Street
 - The Town recently acquired a large, 97-acre property on Fire Street. The Commission would like to do a site walk to look more closely at the

property and how it fits within the surrounding landscape. Commissioner LeClair will inquire about this possibility with the Town of Montville Planning Department.

- The Commission discussed different possibilities of conservation, and agreed it would be helpful to investigate in person where the greatest conservation benefits might be achieved.
- Explore Opportunities for Creating Young Forest in Montville
 - The Commission would like to continue the discussion with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and explore possible future areas of young forest in town.
- New Business
 - Staff Support
 - Commissioner LeClair will inquire to the Planning Department about the possibility of staff support for the Conservation Commission.
 - Town of Montville Plan of Conservation and Development Update
 - The Planning Department requested feedback from the Commission on the proposed updates to the POCD. The feedback is requested by the end of November.
 - The Commission will need to ask the Planning Department what is meant by this statement “starting with historic district Figure 33.”
 - Commissioners will send comments to Commissioner LeClair via email before Thanksgiving. Commissioner LeClair will collate the comments into one document for the Planning Department.
 - The Commission discussed the importance of protecting and repairing historic resources. The Commission might like to include a comment in the POCD update to consider flexible arrangements with private property owners to protect resources in perpetuity.
 - Explore Potential For Hosting a Public Information Workshop
 - Tabled.
 - Discuss Social Media Page for the Commission As Well As Development of a Logo
 - Commissioner Lespier will create a mockup Facebook page that the Commission can review at the December meeting.
 - Commissioner Emilyta will draft up a potential logo for the Commission to consider at the December meeting. Various ideas for a future logo were discussed.
- Comments from the Public
 - NA.
- Comments from Municipal Liaison
 - NA.

- Comments from Commissioners
 - Commissioner Chase would like the Commission to investigate organizations that assist with historic preservation. This will be added to a future agenda.
 - The Commission discussed Sustainable CT (www.sustainablect.org), a statewide municipal certification program intended to help towns increase their overall sustainability. The Commission would like to add this to a future agenda to discuss.
- Adjourn

Commissioner Lespier left the meeting at 7:40 PM.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM .(Chase/Emilyta).