

Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021, 7:15 PM
Room 102 – Town Hall

- Call to Order - 7:15 p.m.
- Roll - Chairman Chase, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Bacon, and Councilor May were present, with Commissioner LeClair joining via phone.
- Approval of Meeting Agenda – There was a motion by Commissioner Carver to add an item to new business to reschedule next month’s meeting. Commissioner Bacon seconded. Chairman Chase called a vote, all voted in favor, and the motion was carried.
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items – no comments
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2021 – A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, and seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Chairman Chase called a vote, all voted in favor, and the motion was carried.
- Old Business
 - Discuss Montville Conservation Center Operations and Maintenance
 - Review status of elevated walkways in wetlands at the Nature Center. Councilman May stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW) had mowed brush along the blue trail.
 - Review status entrance sign. Councilman May stated that the DPW is expected to move forward on the sign.
 - American Rescue Plan –Chairman Chase’s request for \$10,000 was approved. Councilman May state that if the commissioners are moving forward with purchasing lumber ourselves, we should request a purchase order from Terry Hart. Councilman May will look into where to get the lumber.
 - Town of Bozrah’s pending open space grant. Chair Chase provided a letter to the Mayor in support of the transaction, and the Mayor provided a letter on behalf of Montville in support of the transaction, stating that additional access to the open space parcel from Route 82 in Montville would be desirable

- New Business

- Reschedule next month's meeting. The scheduled meeting, which falls on election day, will be cancelled, and a special meeting will be scheduled for November 9. Affirmative vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.
- Niantic River 4-Town Bioretention project. Chairman Chase and Commissioner Carver read the letter forwarded by Councilman May.



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There was discussion about how the Conservation Commission would be involved, and what locations are appropriate for installation of these practices (rain barrels, water gardens). Commissioner Carver made a motion for Chairman Chase to contact the Mayor to support the project and find out who is responsible for doing what, seconded by Commissioner LeClair.

- Comments from the Public – no comments
- Comments from Municipal Liaison – None
- Comments from Commissioners – Chair Chase stated that the Mostow property is very scenic. Councilor May noted that the Parks and Rec commission has \$5000 from the American Rescue Plan which could be used for trails. Commissioner Bacon stated that the Conservation Center has a lot of trash in the parking lot, despite there being a garbage can in the parking lot. Commissioner Carver discussed the purchase of clamshells to line the trails at \$130/cubic yard.
- Adjourn – Chairman Chase brought a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Carver. Motion carried.