

## Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting

4:30 PM, September 5, 2019

Members: Rick Holloway\*, Sandy Prisloe, Peggy Wilson, Pat Woomer, Margot Burns,\*  
Ted Taigen, Lisa Wahle (\* = not in attendance)

Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM

**Minutes:** approval of the minutes of the July meeting had not reached all members of the commission and was tabled.

**Audience of citizens:** A resident of 83 Main Street attended and was interested in comments re. The Main Street Project

**Correspondence:** CT Land Conservation Council request for dues was received. On a motion by Ted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat, it was unanimously approved to pay dues in the amount of \$100 dollars.

The chairman shared a copy of a memo to the IWWC concerning suggestions for IWWC permit conditions about the management of the flood-plain meadow at Aaron Manor.

### Old Business

- a. **Envirotips:** **Ted** will review the data he received from Jenny that includes digital copy of past published Envirotips and will report to the commission what needs to be done to publish in-house the tips.
- b. **Laurel Hill Cemetery overlook:** **Ted** reported that Chester Rotary has about \$31,000 available for construction of the observation platform. Construction plans need to be completed and then cost to construct estimates will be obtained.
- c. **SustainableCT:** **Pat** reported that Lauren has appointed a SustainableCT Committee and that it's first meeting was held. Efforts to obtain a bronze rating for Chester will be pursued in the coming year.
- d. **Storm Drain Stenciling:** **Ted, Pat** and **Sandy** will meet on Tuesday 9/10 to begin painting catch basins.

### New Business

**Main Street Project Landscaping Plan:** Members discussed the proposed landscaping plan for the project and were concerned that the called for plants were mostly non-native to the northeast. **Lisa** will draft a letter to the Main Street Committee strongly encouraging the committee to request a new landscaping plan that to the extent possible uses plants native to this area and that better support pollinators. **Lisa** will contact Mi-

chael Joplin to advise him of the commission's concerns; **Sandy** will contact Jacobson and Assoc. to do the same.

Annual Report: **Sandy** will circulate a draft 2018-2019 Conservation Commission Annual Report for comments before submitting to Jenny Watrous to include in Chester's Annual Report.

**Adjournment:** 6:10 PM

**Next meeting October 3, 2019 at 4:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Prisløe for R. Holloway