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, 2nd 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 its 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-
Michael 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. Prisloe for R. Holloway