

Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting

4:30 PM, May 7, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

Minutes: Minutes of the March 5th regular meeting were unanimously approved. There were no minutes from April as that meeting had been canceled.

Audience of citizens: none present

Correspondence: None, since access to Town Hall is closed.

Old Business

- a. EnviroTips: Not discussed.
- b. EnviroTips Publication: No report (Ted)
- c. Laurel Hill Cemetery overlook: No report (Ted)
- d. SustainableCT: No meetings have been held.
- e. Invasive Plants: This subcommittee has not held any meetings.
- f. Vernal Pool Talk: Was canceled because of COVID-19

New Business

a. Discussion of what the Conservation Commission might be able to do in spite of the restrictions imposed by the response to the corona virus. Providing pertinent information to the Chester community seems a fruitful endeavor, with particular emphasis upon what residents can do on their own properties (composting, invasive plants, organic lawn care, etc). It was decided to take advantage of the weekly newsletter from Town Hall, utilizing the space which has been featuring "EnviroTips." The first topic to be featured for the next few weeks will be Composting at Home.

- **Margot** will obtain some eye-catching artwork, such as cartoons, to introduce the topic.
(Links within the short write-up will lead the reader to more detailed information.)

Sandy will help design the introductory posting and will coordinate with the editor.

Rick will provide a summary of values and benefits of composting

Lisa will provide information on the various types of equipment needed.

Pat will collect demonstration photographs provided by Chester residents.

Ideas and early drafts will be circulated by email in order to have the first article run in June.

Adjournment: 5:30 PM

Next meeting June 4, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Holloway