

Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting

4:30 PM, December 3, 2020

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

Guests: Kate Hair, Kip DiVito

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm

Minutes: Minutes of the November 5th regular meeting were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Audience of Citizens: Both Kip and Kate attended primarily to see what the CCC does.

Old Business

a. Envirotips: Peggy has many ideas in the works. She will delay the next tip dealing with aquatic invasives until the Spring. It was suggested that she and the CCC develop paired articles: one of a problem plant and the other a success story of its control.

b. EnviroTips Publication:(carryover item.)

c. Cedar Lake Watershed Commission (CLWC). Brief discussion of the status of the proposed boat trailer ban. No further information available.

e. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. The final document is not expected until next summer.

f. SustainableCT. The remainder of the meeting consisted of a review the various action items in the SustainableCT program and the generation of ideas to accomplish these. Many of these actions have already been accomplished in Chester, they just need to be documented. Members of the CCC and Kate Hair (who was encouraged to join the CCC) volunteered to review the details of certain action items to determine if we have sufficient documentation to apply for credit for that item. In particular:

- 1.3 Inventory and support local retail options — Kate
- 2.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory —Margot, Lisa
- 2.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management — Kate, Lisa
- 3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets — Rick
- 3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture — Rick
- 4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning —
- 4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources — Rick
- 4.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations — Sandy
- 5.2 Promote Effective Parking Management — Rick
- 5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies —
- 7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event — Sandy, Rick
- 8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment — Kate (+Dawn Parker)

In addition, it was mentioned that summer interns will be available through RiverCOG, and that it is advantageous to present ahead of time a list of tasks which they could accomplish.

New Business

- a. MOTION: approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2021 (first Thursdays at 4:40 pm).
Approved unanimously.

Carryover items:

- a. from 7/03/2020: **Margot** will find out where RiverCOG takes shredded paper.
- b. EnviroTips Publication: **Ted** will send the digital file of previous tips to all members for review.
- c. From Nov 2020: **Margot** will provide images of invasive aquatic plants for use in the town email blast as well as links to informative sites on the RiverCOG, UConn Extension Service, and other services. it will be particularly important to repeat these at the beginning of boating and fishing season next Spring.

Adjournment: 5:45 PM

Next meeting January 7, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Holloway