

Burlington Conservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - Burlington Town Hall - Outside Courtyard
6:30 pm

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert at 6:35 pm. Present: Tom Finan John Hebert, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: Richard Miller, Tom Roberge, Mitchel Kvedar
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of Feb 19, 2020 (Finan/Wilhelm).
3. Citizen Comments: None
4. Communications: Invitation to Join DEEP Forester for Nassahegon State Forest tour, to learn about "selective cutting" for a healthier diverse forest. Sunday, Oct 18, 2020, 1:30 pm Stone Rd. RSVP by Oct16 David Irvin, david.irvin@ct.gov
5. Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: We will ask Selectman Ted Schafer to join us at next meeting to find out the status of proposal.
 - b. Johnnycake Mountain Park Recreation Facility: Wilhelm charged with finding out status of JCMP.
 - c. POCD: Completed project & removed from future Agenda.
 - d. MDC/Clearbrook Rd: Research documents were given to Selectman Ted Shafer last March. The CC feels this is something that should be pursued by members of the Town Government & their legal representative if they so choose and is not relevant to the CC.
 - e. Town Website Links: Wilhelm passed out suggested links for review. After discussion it was decided that she will organize them into categories and send a final copy to CC members for review before giving to Christa Rinalter for posting.
 - f. Open Space Fund: Wilhelm will inquire about having regular communications with the Town on the balance of funds and protective restriction.
 - g. Education Programs: Earth Day Seminar was cancelled at Larsen's Garden Center. It was decided not to pursue any educational programs while the pandemic is still active.

h. Goals: We will discuss with the First Selectman some of the projects we could become involved with CT Sustainability.

I. Sustainability: Shadford has sent an email to First Selectman Ted Shafer inquiring about the Town Recycling Program and its effectiveness.

6. New Business: none

7. Other:

CC Commission Attendance: Commissioner Mitchel Kevdar has not attended a meeting for a year and with no communication from him. The CC requested the First Selectman remove him from the Commission and fill a replacement seat on the Board.

Pigeon Hill Property: The CC unanimously decided not to encourage the Town to provide funds to purchase this particular piece of property. We were led to believe a grant would originally cover the cost.

Rescheduled: Connecticut Land Conservation Council Annual (Virtual) Conference: Oct 17, 2020.

8. Adjourn: Motion made (Wilhelm) and second (Finan) and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Next Virtual Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary