

Burlington Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Chairman Melanie Wilhelm called to order at 7:03 PM. Present: Tom Finan, Mitchel Kvedar, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: John Hebert, Richard Miller, Tom Roberge. Guests: Dwight Harris, Johnnycake Mountain Assoc.
2. Review/Accept Minutes: MOTION made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes from April, 20, 2021 (Finan/Kvedar).
3. Citizens Comments: Dwight Harris commented on the two fine presentations Chairman Wilhelm had done for the BOS and JMPA Commission.
4. Communications: None
5. Old Business:
  - a. Municipal Tax Reduction Program for Farmers:  
Chairman Wilhelm spoke to First Selectman Ted Shafer prior to meeting. Shafer explained the BOS are in favor but the timing of the ordinance may not come into effect until the following years (2022-23) Town Budget. The procedure would need a new ordinance and would have to be voted on by the general public at a town meeting. Selectman Jim Chard will follow up with the legal procedures required to create a new ordinance.
  - b. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility:  
Chairman Wilhelm gave a presentation to the Johnnycake Mountain Park Advisory Commission on April 24 with input by Tom Finan. The purpose of the talk was to encourage conservation ideas CC members feel should be considered in the park design.
  - c. Open Space/Land Acquisition:  
No update. Upcoming Town Meeting to vote on the 2021-2022 Town Budget which will have a line item for open space acquisition.
  - d. Sustainable CT:  
Kvedar will arrange for a representative from Sustainable CT to lead a CC workshop once the spring semester ends. Interns still need to be assigned to their post towns.

e. Earth Day 2021:

Chairman Wilhelm will ask the town if the CC can have its own booth.

6. New Business:

Finan will look into what other towns use to replace harmful pesticides to control weeds and invasive plants on fields and town properties.

7. Adjourn:

Motion made (Shadford) and seconded (Finan). Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Shadford, Secretary