

Burlington Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021  
Burlington Town Hall, Senior Center  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Chairman Melanie Wilhelm called to order at 7:01 PM. Present: John Hebert, Tom Finan, Richard Miller, Tom Roberge, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: Mitchell Kvedar.
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021 (Miller/Hebert).
3. Citizen Comments: Wilhelm spoke to the individual who was interested in joining the board but currently there is no opening. Subsequently a correction was made on the town website that had indicated the need for a new member. The interested party has a degree in Environmental Studies from UConn and would likely be an asset to the board to replace a member who has been delinquent in attending meetings. Chairman Wilhelm contacted First Selectman Shafer about the problem and he said he will look into the matter.
4. Communications: The Town Clerk sent notice to schedule CC monthly meetings for 2022. Hybrid meetings will only be available in the Auditorium. Members agreed to having meetings on Tuesday or Wednesday on the third week of the month depending on availability of the Auditorium. Members preferred to meet the third Wednesday of the month for a Hybrid meeting if at all possible but can revert back to Tuesdays if necessary.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Johnnycake Mountain Recreation Facility: Dwight Harris will be invited to a future meeting to discuss conservation easements on lots adjacent to or near the Park when land was developed for residential housing. His intention is to ensure the best future stewardship of these parcels.
  - b. Conservation Commission terms of office: The town website has been updated. There are seven seats on the board and no openings at this time.
  - c. Sustainability: No report. Kvedar was absent. Wilhelm will look at the Sustainable CT website and make some suggestions as to future programs the board can initiate.
  - d. Recycling: Wilhelm will contact Town Offices to determine the availability of purchasing refrigerator magnets with recycling guide for residents. It was also suggested to have the Town Hall provide recycling containers inside the building

and lead by example in town-wide recycling efforts. Another recommendation to reduce waste at town events (i.e., Tavern Day or the Lions Club Carnival) is to encourage food vendors and food truck operators to recycle waste.

- e. Pollinator Information: Hebert ordered bulk brochures from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Members suggested we offer a program in conjunction with the Library with a speaker on Pollinators next year celebrating Earth Day. Wilhelm will contact the Library Board on feasibility of co-hosting a program and she will also contact personnel at Sessions Woods for program ideas.

6. New Business:

Miller suggested we put the Covey Road Fresh Air Camp (Camp Schade) back on Agenda for discussion on future open space acquisition.

Tom Finan will continue to post seasonal wildlife and conservation information on social media.

7. Adjourn: Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Hebert) to Adjourn. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Shadford, Secretary

Next Meeting, Details to follow.