



BURLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Burlington Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Vince Lambri called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present: John Hebert, Amelia Kearney, Vince Lambri, Richard Miller, Tom Roberge and Jackie Shadford. Absent: Tom Finan.

2. Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023 (Miller/Shadford).

3. Citizen's Comments: None

4. Review and edit letter regarding small bottle (Nips) deposit funding: Lambri presented letter created from discussion and motion of previous meeting September 27th. Members would like the income funds received to include town-wide signage and educational programs.

Motion made for Lambri to send the revised letter to First Selectman Thompson and all members of the BOS and the BOF Chairman. The legislative summary of bill will be included with the letter. Motion passed unanimously (Miller/Roberge).

5. Review and edit PA 490 PowerPoint presentation: Shadford presented data concerning PA 490 Open Space designation. A decision was made to include the penalty formula concerning conveyance tax on the sale or transfer of property once classified as Open Space by the record owner as stated in CGS Sec. 12-405a. Kearney will format the data for PP presentation for final approval at next meeting.

Miller made Motion, "That CC not consider the Open Space component to PA 490 because of complications with the Town Assessor's need for additional staff and to keep land in PA 490 Forest and Farmland is preferred. Motion failed: (1) in favor (5) against (Miller/Roberge).

6. Old Business:

Earth Day Clean-up: J.P. Parente, who spearheaded Earth Day Clean-up 2023 has created a new non-profit agency which will include future Earth Day events. The Main Street Community Foundation has promised funds for next year's event. Parente is seeking additional funds from the community.

Black Spruce Bog: Miller contacted Jonathan Schwartz to gain information concerning the natural attributes of the bog. The bog is adjacent to, and not included in the parcel of, the 13 acres on Covey Road, which is owned by the New Britain Water Company/City of New Britain. The original parcel of 15 acres was for sale over ten years ago. The Town of Burlington made an offer to purchase the property because the area is flat and could be used for a badly needed

playing field. A gravel company also made an offer on the property but the sale could not go through because the two acre bog came to be classified as Class II Watershed and cannot be sold without CT legislative approval. The town has first refusal on any water company land for sale. The land is not currently for sale. Miller and Hebert will investigate further concerning the property.

7. New Business: Roberge recommends a Zoning change for a smaller size home, to be built with a minimum requirement of less than 1,000 square feet.

8. Adjourn: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:42 pm (Miller/Hebert).

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Acting Secretary

Next meeting: 7pm Wednesday, November 15, 2023