

Burlington Conservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Oct 20, 2020 - Virtual Meeting
7 pm

1. Call to Order: Chairman John Hebert at 7:04 pm. Present: Tom Finan, John Hebert, Mitchel Kvedar, Richard Miller, Jackie Shadford, Melanie Wilhelm. Absent: Tom Roberge. Guest: First Selectman Ted Shafer.
2. Review/Accept Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Meeting Minutes of Sep 16, 2020 (Finan/Miller).
3. Citizen Comments: none
4. Communications: none
5. First Selectman Ted Shafer was welcomed and was attending to help guide the Commission on the status of current goals and those for the coming year.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Tax Reduction for Farms: Selectman Ted Schafer encouraged the Commission to speak to the Board of Finance to find out the status of proposal. Members agreed to ask one more time on this three year project.
 - b. Johnnycake Mountain Park Recreation Facility: Finan/Wilhelm will contact Town Hall to view plans and request notification of meetings.
 - c. Town Website Links: Wilhelm emailed members the website links prior to meeting. CC Members agreed with minor comments. Wilhelm will give copy to Christa Rinalter for posting.
 - d. Open Space Fund/Land Acquisition: Open Space Fund: Finan/Wilhelm will inquire about having regular communications with the Town Finance Director on the balance of funds and protective restrictions.
The current balance will be used to purchase land on Library Lane as per First Selectman.
 - e. Recycling: Shadford spoke to both Ted Shafer & Public Works Director Scott Tharau with concern that recycling was being processed with regular trash. Both stated that it is CT State law to recycle. Currently our recycling is transported to CRRA in Hartford. Although it currently cost the town to recycle, we are encouraged to separate waste. Shadford will work with Solid Waste Commission to help educate the public the importance of recycling.

- f. Sustainability: Ted Shafer encouraged the Commission to look at CT Sustainability and see what projects we would like to pursue the coming year.
 - g. The board unanimously welcomed Mitchel Kvedor. He will remain on the Board since most of our meetings will be virtual while he is attending UConn.
 - h. Pigeon Hill Property: The Whigville Preservation Group is pleased to report that the \$150,000 fundraising goal has been reached to preserve 28-acres behind Pine Hill in Whigville.
7. New Business: The CC agreed to change the day of all upcoming meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday, the third week of the month. This change will allow First Selectman & Michael Kvedor to attend our meeting.
8. Other: Wilhelm suggested we plan for an Educational Program for Earth Day 2021 now.
9. Adjourn: Motion made (Finan) and second (Shadford) and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Next Virtual Meeting: Tuesday, Nov.17, 2020. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Shadford, Secretary