

MINUTES OF THE WOODBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL MAIN MEETING ROOM
March 16, 2023
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Members present were the following: Chairman Tim Austin, Commissioner Paul Harrigan, Sharon DeKadt, Barbara Hagan, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, & Valerie King

The meeting came to order at 07:35pm

There was no public comment.

There is an FOI Workshop on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5pm in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall. Make every effort to attend.

April's Commission meeting Chairman Tim Austin would like to have it on Webex as he will be out of State.

Chairman Tim Austin made the **MOTION** to **Approve** the Minutes from January and February 2023 and Diana McCarthy-Bercury **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **All in Favor.**

Chairman Tim Austin made a **Motion** to send a letter on behalf of Gather New Haven (Land Trust) to help obtain a grant that will be used on the trail that runs from 10-14 Merritt Avenue to the West River Greenway. Diana McCarthy-Bercury **Seconded** the **Motion**. **5-Yes 1-No. Motion Passes.**

The Jumping Worms program has been temporarily suspended at this time. Barbara Hagen, Diana McCarthy-Bercury and Sharon deKadt will work together to contact the speakers, obtain a room and get the publicity out for a possible May presentation.

Commissioner Paul Harrigan was asked how the Tree Preservation Proposal is coming along. There are still some steps to iron out and he, Barbara Hagen and Diana McCarthy-Bercury will get together to discuss where they are at this time.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Paul Harrigan to send a letter to the Historical Society asking for them to cooperate with the identification of Historic Areas and doing a write up on each. Diana McCarthy-Bercury **Seconded** the **Motion**. **All In Favor.**

There was a discussion about the Audubon Society looking at the Woodbridge Country Club as to all the different species located on the property. There appears to be a lot of Birders that walk the property. There are several grants through NRCS for the purpose of pollinator paths. Commissioner Paul Harrigan stated that he will look into more information regarding this topic for next month.

Trailmaster Andy Danzig came to the meeting to discuss all the work that has been done on the different trails throughout Town. He described different areas where he and many volunteers meet on the Second Sunday of the month and clear the trail of garbage and debris. He commented how some signage is needed in different areas to mark the trail or just the trail entrance. He talked about getting better equipment to be able to successfully continue to clear the trails and have enough equipment for the volunteers to use. Chairman Tim Austin and Andy Danzig will get together and talk to Adam Parsons as to who would install the 3 signs they are hoping to purchase.

The was a short discussion over the budget and will be discussed further next meeting.

Chairman Tim Austin is waiting to send the Greenway Plan Map to the State due to the Board of Selectman wanting to ask questions about it. The Commission asked Chairman Tim Austin to contact the Board of Selectman to have him added to their Agenda for their next meeting. The Commission wants to send the Greenway Plan Map to the State of CT.

Sharon deKadt made a **Motion to Adjourn** the meeting and Barbara Hagan **Seconded the Motion. All In Favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2023 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Trzaski
Clerk of the Commission