



**COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES  
(CUPOP)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

Meeting Video: [https://youtu.be/d92c\\_7t\\_O\\_k](https://youtu.be/d92c_7t_O_k)

**Present: CUPOP Members:** Lor Ferrante Fernandes-Chair, Marty Halprin-Co-Chair,  
Patti McKeon-Secretary, Leslie Lyons, Nicole Donzello

**Guest Speaker:** State Chief Entomologist Kirby C. Stafford III, PhD

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Guest Speaker, State Chief Entomologist Kirby C. Stafford III, PhD, gave an in-depth presentation on the history and ecology of the tick population in the US and Connecticut, the extent of tick-borne diseases and methods to minimize risk, as well as research and tick control management methods. Discussion focused on the black-legged tick along with more exotic ticks recently found in the northeast: Lone Star Tick, Gulf Coast Tick, and Asian Longhorned Tick. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation. (The Tick Presentation may be found in the Meeting Link above.)
3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: *Toni Belenski*