

MINUTES OF THE WOODBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL MAIN MEETING ROOM
May 18, 2023

Members present were the following: Commissioner Paul Harrigan, Sharon deKadt, Barbara Hagan, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Valerie King, & Joi Prud'homme

Members not present: Chairman Tim Austin

The meeting came to order at 07:20pm

In Chairman Tim Austin's absence, Sharon deKadt will chair this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Philip Piscitelli came before the Commission to ask for permission to use Racebrook Tract to do a non-thesis project for his medical grad school degree on the Impact Of Oriental Bittersweet on Racebrook Tract Growth. He will start his research in the Fall of 2023 and have a full-report by December 2023. Commissioner Paul Harrigan made a **motion** to give permission for Philip to do the research and Valerie King **SECONDED** the **MOTION. All in Favor.**

Sharon deKadt made the **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Minutes from April 20, 2023, and Barbara Hagan **SECONDED** the **MOTION. All in Favor.**

Barbara Hagan, Valerie King, and Chairman Tim Austin volunteered to represent the Commission on the Historical Points of Interest Working Group.

The Jumping Worm program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 7-8PM at the Woodbridge Town Library. Annise Dobson will speak on the ways to prevent Jumping Worms and answer any questions. Will ask Chairman Tim Austin to record the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Commissioner Paul Harrigan and Joi Prud'homme discussed looking into the many grants available from the State of Connecticut for Pollinator Pathways. They will inquire with the National Resource Conservation Services. (NRCS)

Commissioner Paul Harrigan, Barbara Hagan, and Diana McCarthy-Bercury gave a brief update on the Tree Ordinance Proposal. Basically, stating that there is no resources in Town to enforce this ordinance. They will send everyone a copy of the Town of Branford's tree ordinance. It was also discussed to possibly use the Town's survey source to ask the public what they would like to see in tree preservation.

Commissioner Paul Harrigan will send all Commission members a report on Audubon Society.

There are no updates on the following item: Town Trail Group or 124 Seymour Road, Woodbridge, CT. 7 Forest Road – the Town approved purchasing the property. At the BOS meeting, it appears there was no mention of a Conservation Easement.

Commissioner Paul Harrigan informed Commission that the Greenway Map was discussed at the last BOS Meeting.

Valerie King talked about finding out the kind of grants available through the State of CT. She heard a segment on a radio station, where they spoke of these types of grants.

Diana McCarthy-Bercury and Joi Prud'homme will be attending the CUPOP meetings. They requested for member of Conservation Commission to attend especially when they are doing property evaluations. The next CUPOP meeting is Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6pm.

Joi Prud'homme will work on the pollinator program for the next meeting be put on the Agenda.

The June 15, 2023 meeting will be changed to June 8, 2023, so more of the member will be present.

Diana McCarthy-Bercury made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN** the meeting and Barbara Hagan **SECONDED THE MOTION. All In Favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 828pm

The next meeting will be June 8, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Trzaski, Clerk of the Commission