



The Woodbridge Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021 – 7:30PM
Board Room, Town Hall
Woodbridge, CT

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm. In attendance: Tim Austin, Sharon de Kadt, Kate Rozen, Barbara Hagan Smith and Valerie King.

This was the first in person meeting since March 2020. Tim Austin was the interim chair for this meeting.

1. Welcome/Introduction of new commission members & BOS liaison

Members introduced themselves to the commission.

2. Public comments

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

3. Approval of minutes of the June 17th, 2021 special meeting

The meetings for the June 17, 2021 special meeting will be approved at the following meeting.

4. Conservation Commission Purpose & 2021 Objectives

The WCC members discussed the general background and scope of the commission. The group functions as an advisory to the Board of Selectmen regarding properties that should be conserved in the town of Woodbridge. As a group we have also created various tools in order to objectively rank properties for possible acquisition. The group also discussed how we decide what matters to take on. Clarification was requested about what possible situations where the commission has chosen to not get involved.

5. Overview Property Use Designations & Property Profile Tool

The intent of the Property Use Designations and Property Profile tool is to be able to objectively compare properties with consistent applicable guidelines. The commission voted to approve the tools at a previous meeting. Next steps would be to present the tool to the

Board of Selectmen for their approval. For a future meeting, the group asked for a meeting focused on mapping resources that are available.

6. Board of Selectmen liaison comments

The Board of Selectmen liaison is David Lober. He will be the link between the BOS and WCC. He shared notes from the previous BOS meeting and alerted the group to an upcoming FOIA training session to be held in September. Additionally, there is a new developer interested in the former Woodbridge Country Club property. There will be an opportunity for residents to vote on various items the town is interested in bonding.

7. Discussion of election of Secretary, Chairperson, & other officers

It was decided to defer this decision to the next WCC meeting. Tim Austin made a motion to defer to the next meeting, seconded by Sharon de Kadt. The motion passed.

8. Greenway Extensions - Goal Discussion

Sharon de Kadt proposed that we do the mapping exercise first and then focus on decisions.

9. Member Comments & Items for August 19, 2021 meeting

The Commission members decided that the next meeting they would like to focus on mapping. The “homework” for the next meeting is for members to think about the balance of our 2021 goals and future work of the commission regarding the Greenway Extensions.

- a) What should our goal be for 2021 & longer term in regards to Greenway extensions?
- b) Two, how do we approach this effort?

The next meeting is August 19, 2021 at 7:30pm. Tim Austin was going to invite Betsy Yagla to join us.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sharon de Kadt and seconded by Kate Rozen. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.