

**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, January 14, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Wyzga (7:35), Commissioner Cote and Commissioner McGuire.

Also Present – Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Absent – Commissioner Doyle, Commissioner Sacerdote, and Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall.

**Public Participation** – None.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of December 10, 2019 was made by Commissioner Cote – Discussion by Commissioner McGuire regarding the waste of horses, chicken, sheep, cow and human which has been taken to see if it correlates with the bacteria in the water. Commissioner Cote and Chair LaPlante explained it and it will remain as is in the minutes. Commissioner Vose seconded – passed 6/0/0.

**New & Pending applications – IWWA and Planning & Zoning Commissions:** Chair LaPlante did not get any information on what is coming up. There is a special meeting regarding the mall on Thursday. The new owners want to have separate parcels and current zoning regulations allow this. The Planning and Zoning Commission new Chairperson is Ken Nelson. Chair LaPlante stated that there is a possible Elder Care facility going on Hazard Avenue near the Hartford Healthcare Building.

**Community Garden Plan:** Chair LaPlante is looking into the contaminants in the area of the prospective Community Garden site. All that were tested are below regulations for residential value which is not of concern in a residential area. There are new guidelines coming out by the Federal Government for the RDEC (residential direct exposure criteria) numbers, Chair LaPlante contacted Kip Kolesinskas with a general overview of what is going on. His response was Katherine Van Der Woude from UCONN and he will confer and check the standards and provide her with some additional information and recommendations. He also stated it is not unusual to find residues in former tobacco land. She has not heard anything back from him so the Community Garden is not dead as of yet. It will stay on the agenda for now.

**Correspondence All Commissioners:** Chair LaPlante got an email from DEEP, which was a notice for a Water Diversion Permit Application for Hazardville Water for the Avery wellfield down off of Queen Street. It is for consumption diversion for wells # 1, 2, 3 and 4 for a total combined maximum use of 4 million gallons a day to supply Enfield and Somers. Unless they get a request for public hearing with 25 people signing a petition for hearing, it will be waived. Written comments can be sent in. Chair LaPlante read the notice to the Commission. The Commission decided with record keeping, annual reporting, daily

records, leak detection report, summary report, long range conservation plan, etc., it is not something they will comment on it.

Chair LaPlante sent to the Commissioners - PBS – Denali National Park - Growing a Greener World episode. In one episode they did a leave no trace campaign and don't feed the landfill campaign (which she related to the Scantic River Park in the summer) They put a tent up at Denali to explain to people how certain garbage ie., diapers takes 400 years to break down. She sent it to the Beautician Committee, The Town of Enfield and Watershed to see if they may want do something similar for the Scantic River Park.

Chair LaPlante also sent to all Commissioners Atlanta Trees from Garden Smart – It is on Create on PBS. She said the town is working on the next phase of road reconstruction which is about a year or two away. The Commission might want to speak up regarding money for trees to be put into the project before they apply for bonding money. Her suggestion was at minimum one tree taken down one tree planted in the same neighborhood. Commissioner Dynia suggested a letter be sent to the Town Council requesting this and Commissioner McGuire suggested that in the letter they should state ECC would like to help them develop a program for this with guidelines for trees that have to come down.

Chair LaPlante sent an email to The Land Trust and Tom Tyler regarding Simon Road

Chair LaPlante (Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall) showed a brochure from Glastonbury showing all hikes and trails with a little explanation and a map. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall suggested to possibly work with Park and Rec to do something similar to identify hiking areas in Enfield.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall was absent – no update.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – There was a meeting last night, January 13, 2020. They are going to try to meet every second Monday of the month. Kirsten has some people from East Longmeadow High Environmental Club who are going to do some sample/testing on the Scantic River in Hamden, Mass. They needed \$80 for some materials/testing and The Watershed will donate it. Superbowl Hike is February 2, 2020 at 1 o'clock. It may be a historical hike which will start at the barn.

Spring Splash is March 28, 2020.

East Windsor had the New Year's Day hike, 260 people attended. East Windsor is looking to make some new trails near Yosky Road which is on the Enfield/East Windsor line and would like Enfield to try to hook into the trail. There is some town and state property there that could possibly hook into it.

**Executive Session:** No Executive session.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting is Tuesday February 11, 2020 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Cote to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Wygza - No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM.

