

ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

A Virtual Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:48 PM

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Sacerdote.

Absent – Commissioner Kober and Commissioner McGuire,

Also present – Laurie Whitten Director Development Services and Karen Timpone Recording secretary

Public Participation – None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of December 8, 2020 was made by Commissioner Dynia seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – Discussion – Commissioner Vose had a some corrections – Under discussion tree replacement program – First sentence should be last not semicolon, second paragraph end of second line sentence says down and should be done, Control on town properties and the next (Town) has to be take out. Due to a problem with the recording – Chair LaPlante said this was done by notes and memory and asked if ECC agreed with the minutes – all Commissioners agreed minutes were good. A revised motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Vose and seconded by Michael Dynia – passed 7/0/0.

New & Pending applications – IWWA and Planning & Zoning Commissions:

Laurie Whitten reported that for PZC on Thursday – 359 Hazard Avenue – The Grammar School - for the amendment for the Hazardville Design District trying to do adaptive reuse of the buildings.

139 Freshwater modification of a previously approved site plan – AAA –

Text amendment to allow personal services in a Business Professional Zone –

Two year extension of time for building permit for Enfield Manor

Update of 28 maple Avenue – which was a trying to get a 3 family into a 2 family

Unresolved issues – the combining of the PCZ with IWWA

At the last meeting of wetlands all was taken care of and there are no applications that Laurie is aware of right now.

122 Moody Road – in-ground pool application at the last meeting

Discussion on Tree Replacement program – Chair LaPlante sent Longmeadow Tree Replacement Program to all Commissioners. Lauren Whitten reminded the ECC that the presentation will have to go before Town Council. She suggested they may want to include a tree replacement program in the POCD. Chair LaPlante suggested they, at the very least, go through the recommended trees for the area and keep what they would like. Chair LaPlante was asking if a list of approved trees/bushes could be used and which to avoid for all new developments in Enfield. Chair LaPlante stated a list of approved and not approved trees/bushes may be out of UCONN. Chair LaPlante would like to come up with the purpose

and goals and build from there. Commissioner Cote asked if we should get this in as part of the POCD or go directly to Town Council with it.

Chair LaPlante suggested it be called a Tree Management Plan. Laurie suggested it be added to the POCD – make it a goal with certain number of year(s). Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall shared a Living Legacy that Glastonbury has in place for people donating trees. The ECC will start with the laws as they refer to Connecticut – Chair LaPlante has a book on Connecticut Tree laws. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall has some information from past CACIWC meetings regarding Connecticut Tree Laws. They will work on it as far as making it relevant to Enfield as it is to Longmeadow. Laurie will have it converted from a PDF to a Word Doc. Chair LaPlante will try to have the word doc ready for next meeting or if before, she will have it sent out to all Commissioners.

POCD Update –

Conservation Commission Priorities - Chair LaPlante has the open space list of properties – She asked that the lists be updated for POCD and add or subtract to it. Chair LaPlante asked if it should be done in Executive Session – Laurie will find out about if the discussion needs to be done in Executive Session. Commissioner Vose reviewed the POCD and read that the Historical Society should encompass all Historic Sites not just the ones in the Historic District. Laurie reported that is being done now with an inventory and then expansion of the prevue of the Historic District Commission.

Correspondence All Commissioners: - Commissioner Dynia reported that the neighbors near the Four Town Fair Grounds in Somers are complaining about events happening all the time not just for the Fair.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that there was a meeting on December 30th. Getting a quorum for this Commission is a challenge. To rectify, the Town Council is going to be changing the makeup and the number of spots on the Commission. The meetings have been discussions and not real meetings as only a few people show up. They did spend time on By-laws but cannot move forward until the Town Council meets. There is confusion regarding the responsibilities of the ex officio's. Laurie stated that as far as she knows the ex officio members can vote but it needs to be stated in the By-laws. Laurie said it is being worked on this coming week.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported – They had their annual meeting on December 28, 2020 virtually. Executive Board was on attendance. There is new leadership. The new President is Carl Sampson, Mike Egan is Second Chairman and Mike Dynia is the Treasurer. East Windsor had an informal New Year's Day Hike. They have expanded the Rail Trail. They have started a new trail on the East Windsor Side coming towards Enfield. Some other trails have been cleared up to Yosky Road. Most trails in Enfield are clear right now, They are going to try to work on updating The Scantic book with has information on hiking, paddling, history, etc. Chair LaPlante reported that Connecticut River Conservancy has applied for a grant for \$75,000 for a Management Plan for Scantic River from DEEP – it will address bacteria, silt and different activities that affect the quality of the River, etc. Commissioner Dynia thinks this may have gone to Kirsten as he has not heard anything. Canoe race planners will have a meeting soon to discuss what will happen this year.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Dynia – No discussion – Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM