

**ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

A Regular Virtual Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 7:46 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Kober, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Sacerdote, and Commissioner McGuire

Absent – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall

Also Present – Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

**Public Participation** – None.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of January 12, 2021 was made by Commissioner Dynia, seconded by Commissioner Sacerdote – No discussion – 6/0/2 abstentions by Commissioner McGuire and Commissioner Kober

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

Chair LaPlante sent an email to Jen and Savannah – Jen responded not much pending before P&Z that might interest conservation. There is a sign on Hazard Ave, a home addition on Lake Drive, automotive site plan change on Enfield Street, text amendment to allow winter's farmers market in an industrial zone and a permanent dining patio associated with Chicago Sam's. Wetlands did not have anything.

**Discussion on the Tree Replacement Program** - Chair LaPlante was able to get a word doc from the PDF done from Longmeadow Tree Manual. She made some changes and sent them to the ECC. Some highlighted items still need work. She will also look into local ordinances for trees. Some of the items to be decided on, if there will be a tree warden, who will oversee this ECC or Beautification, etc. Town Council will make that decision once the proposal is made and accepted. Regarding the list of trees, Chair LaPlante is going to ask Mark McGuane, an arborist, to look at the list to see if the trees on this list are okay and do some need to be added. Commissioner Vose had some questions regarding scenic roads. Chair LaPlante asked that the ECC look over this and send an e-mail with questions and changes. She asked Commissioner Wyzga and Commissioner Vose to go over the list of invasive species. There is published list from UCONN which they can use to update the current list.

**POCD update** – Chair LaPlante reported no meetings as of yet.

**Correspondence All Commissioners:**

Chair LaPlante got a plaque made for the tree at the Senior Center in honor of Commissioner Kneiss. It is 4x6 and has a 10 inch stake to go in the ground. She will put it there when the dedication of the tree is done which should be in April and hopefully it will be in bloom.

Chair LaPlante sent the link from DEEP on Trillium to all Commissioners regarding Connecticut and changing climate. She encouraged everyone to read it and take some points forward with other meetings and POCD in particular. It touches on coastland, birds and nesting grounds to agriculture to fresh water rivers and streams, flooding issues due to development close to streams, etc.

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

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported last meeting was at the end of last month. The meetings are now at the end of the month. They talked about fund raisers including a raffle for a kayak they may sell tickets at the Agricultural fair in town. There was a Superbowl hike (unannounced) about 4 to 5 people hiked in the snow at the Scantic. They decided to cancel this year's canoe race due to COVID restrictions. Hopefully, they can bring it back next year. Mike and some members from the River Watershed hiked from Melrose Bridge to Simon Road and to the back of the pumping station. He stated that when the POCD is being worked on, they may want to consider preserving some land along the Scantic to East Windsor as it would be a nice hiking trail. They are looking for possible events in the summer full moon paddle, some fund raisers, etc. Commissioner Dynia will check at the next meeting with Kristen regarding the grant.

Commissioner Wyzga talked about a grant from the Hartford Audubon Society (up to \$1,000) that The Garden Club applied for. They asked for a minimum of 6 bluebird boxes to be put in various areas of town to help increase the population of bluebirds. The boxes need to be monitored, which will be done and the data will be send back.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting is Tuesday March 9, 2021 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Vose to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23 PM