

ENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 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, February 11, 2020 @ 7:38 PM

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present – Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Absent – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Doyle

Public Participation – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2020 was made by Commissioner Wyzga and seconded by Commissioner Vose – No discussion – 5/0/1 – Abstention by Commissioner Sacerdote.

Special Guest – Rick Dewey Northern Connecticut Land Trust - Chair LaPlante got an email stating he did not have anything new to update.

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

Chair LaPlante reported the IWWA is revising the regulations – DEEP has updated the model regulations. Planning and Zoning for this upcoming Thursday - Not too much on the agenda – Multifamily text change for the Historic District Commission, pylon sign on 51 Palomba Drive, 53 Manning Road remove additional roof exit path including roof walkway, 2 Broad Brook Road – Conveyance of the property owned by the Town of Enfield (Grange Building.) It is going to be sold and there will be public hearing. Hazardville Water is building on 0 Taylor Road they want to shift building 25ft to the north. Text amendment to change maximal allowable accessory building height in residential, commercial and industrial districts from 12 ft to 15 ft.

Community Garden Plan: Chair LaPlante has not heard back from Kip Kolesinskas regarding the soil on the site. She will see him at the Farm Summit and will ask him then.

Tree Replacement Program: Chair LaPlante reported that she got an email from John Cabibbo from Public Works which explained some of the past tree removals and why. Most of them were for widening roads, trees too close to roads and some damaged trees, etc. The ECC would like to be able to replace the trees and not necessarily where they were taken down but nearby. They would like it to be in the bidding process (part of the project) for tree replacement when trees are taken down for certain projects. It was also suggested that trees be planted in a town nurse, possibly Elm and Shaker property and then transplanted for street trees around town. The ECC would like to have The Garden Club, Beautification,

IWWA and Planning & Zoning included in this. Chair LaPlante will revise the letter and send it to those committees. The proposal will then be given to Town Council.

Chair LaPlante reminded the ECC that they will be looking to purchase a tree (Purple Magnolia) this year in memory of Commissioner Kneiss. Chair LaPlante would like to have it placed in the back of the Senior Center where it can be seen from the bench and from the Senior Center.

Correspondence All Commissioners:

Commissioner Wyzga invited the members to an Open House on March 4th for a presentation by the Garden Club of Enfield at St. Joseph Residents at 6:30 PM.

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – No update.

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Dynia reported there was a meeting last night (Monday, February 10th) The Historical Hike on Superbowl Sunday had at least 170 hikers. It started at 1 pm and the weather was good and it was very well attended.

The 29th Annual Spring Splash is on March 29, 2020. There is fund raiser on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6PM at the Powder Hollow Brewery. Tickets are \$25.00 which includes dinner, dessert and one free beer. There will be raffles. Commissioner Dynia and Chair LaPlante have tickets for sale.

Kirsten has been doing some testing with a group of students from East Longmeadow. There is a meeting in March for the partnership program. She would like to do the stream walk in the late spring or early summer. There are 16 sections of the river to take water samples, look at the river to report if it is developed, undeveloped, forest, erosion, pipes, etc. It is basically an inventory of the river.

The full moon paddle will be in July or August 2020.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday March 10, 2020 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Sacerdote to adjourn seconded by Commissioner McGuire – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:36 PM