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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Cote in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 8:07 PM

Roll Call

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Absent – Commissioner Sacerdote

Also Present – Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Approval of Meeting Minute: A motion to accept the minutes of June 14, 2022 was made by Commissioner Kober, seconded by Commissioner LaPlante – No discussion – 8/0/0.

Public Participation – None.

Correspondence - Commissioner LaPlante reported that in the Connecticut River Conservancy flyer they are looking for volunteers to pull invasive plants. There is a site in South Hadley and Glastonbury that they are going to be working on. South Hadley is every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. Log Pond Cove has one of the worst water chestnut infestations in the watershed and with volunteer help every year they are able to push further into the cove. The Glastonbury one is organizing a mega water chestnut pull party on July 16th from 9 to 12 in Keeney Cove. Free boats and music is provided. The annual Riverfest is August 6&7 between Brattleboro VT and Hinsdale NH. It includes the Riverfest weekend and the New England Paddle Sports championship. The 26th annual Source to Sea cleanup is September 23rd and 24th. The website has all the information - ctriver.org

Commissioner LaPlante reported that the open space acquisition fund at the end of June last year was at \$635,000 but she did not see anything about EAC. The budget for EAC and ECC is \$3004 per year. Last year they used \$2000 and Commissioner LaPlante was wondering when they meet with Town Council if they could request any under budget monies for EAC and ECC go to the open space fund or the farmland preservation fund.

Reports of Officers, Committees, and Staff – Commissioner Dynia reported the Scantic River Watershed met and will be having the full moon paddle in September 9th or the 10th. Scantic River Park has an officer every weekend. There are still some issues with ground fires. Neighbors have been complaining about parking. They will be clearing some trail blocks - 2 at Powder Hollow and 1 at Linear west on Thursday morning. E-Coli testing is still going on. Kirsten is working on some grants.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported on Economic Development. The town manager tasked them with developing an application for ARPA funds. The town has ARPA funds \$200,000 for nonprofits and \$250,000 to be distributed for businesses. They had one meeting so far. Economic Dev is only doing the small business.

Unfinished Business - Commissioner Kober stated the Bylaws have been approved and they should send a request to staff liaison to have them posted on the website.

The 490 letter draft was discussed at last meeting. Chair Cote will put it together and sent it to Commissioner Kober.

New Business -

List of open space properties – Chair Cote stated that one of the items that this Commission is tasked with is keeping a list of open space for the Town of Enfield. The list they have is old. Chair Cote has asked for an updated list but the GIS program is not functioning right now. They are in the process of buying new licenses and then tweaking them with the information they need for the Town of Enfield. Chair Cote was told that by September the GIS system for the Town of Enfield will be functioning and they should be able to get a current list of true protected open space. Once this is done the ECC will come up with a list of parcels they would like to add to open space. Commissioner LaPlante will recreate a list that she had of undeveloped land. They discussed creating a list of natural resources in Enfield.

POCD Review - Chair Cote discussed partnering/liaison with P&Z and/or IWWA regarding development in sensitive areas in the Town of Enfield – Flood plains, aquifer, and wetlands. It also refers to steep slopes, highly erodible soils, and terrace escarpments. Possibly developing a map or designating sensitive areas was discussed.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner LaPlante to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters, seconded by Commissioner Kober, 8/0/0. The commission went into Executive Session at 8:55 pm. Out of Executive Session at 9:15 pm. No decisions were made and no votes were taken.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2022 –

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm