

**Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2019  
Municipal Center  
Room 302  
7:30 pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Marge Burris, Lisa Lozier, Randall Paz (arrived late), Jason Arnold, Devon Tyrell, Jeffrey Sepko, Michael Derosier

**Absent:** None

Visitors: Art Marino, Curator Tomasso Nature Park

**Staff:** Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner, Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

**A motion was made by:** J. Arnold to add an item to the agenda under #3, Old Business, "Turtle Talk".

**Seconded by:** J. Sepko

**All in Favor 6 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**A. PADEREWSKI POND**

**Discussion:**

- Possible Earth Day project – Garrett to contact Holcomb to see if they are willing to donate wood chips. To be discussed at next meeting.

**B. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Chairman's report** - Marge went over the correspondence that was received.

**Volunteers** – Michael Derosier volunteered to be the representative for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the CT Forest and Park Association.

**C. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** L. Lozier to accept the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

**Seconded:** R. Paz

**All in Favor 6 to 0**

**M. Derosier abstains**

**Minutes Approved**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Website – Marge updated the website.
- B. Fracking Waste Ban Discussion –ongoing. Rosemary gave update on proposed State Legislation.
- C. Turtle Talk – Art Marino was present at the meeting. He talked about several topics:
  - 1. Turtle Conservation Project – sand was brought in for turtles to nest. Art asked about the possibility of vegetation being planted near the nesting are for the baby turtles to eat once they hatch. To be discussed further.
  - 2. Norton Park snapping turtles are back. He is concerned for the safety of children if they try to get close to the turtles.
  - 3. Park Tours – Art reported that he had 186 people and 9 organizations that had tours over the past year.
  - 4. Art suggested a possible Testa Wildlife clean up. To be discussed further.

**E. FINANCIALS**

- 1. Treasurers Report – Garrett went over the report.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by: R. Paz

**All in Favor 7 to 0**

**Report Accepted**

- 2. Appropriations –

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve up to \$130.00 for seeds for the Earth Day project.

Seconded by: R. Paz

**All in Favor 7 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Water and Power A California Heist – Rosemary and Devin talked about the video presentation that they attended.
- 2. Pequabuck / Quinnipiac River Watershed – Pequabuck clean-up will be Saturday, September 28, 2019. Quinnipiac clean-up will be Saturday, May 4, 2019.

**G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

1. Land Acquisition Committee – no updates.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by: J. Sepko to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 7 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*  
Recording Secretary