

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2019
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Lisa Lozier, Randall Paz, Jeffrey Sepko, Devon Tyrell

Absent: Marge Burris, Jason Arnold

Friends of Paderewski: No one was present.

Staff: Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Jeffrey Sepko.
There was a quorum.

A. PADEREWSKI POND

1. Proposed Clean-Up Event for November

Discussion:

- Katie Sic sent an email with a date of October 9th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for the Clean-Up Event. She also has a number of volunteers that are interested in helping. Conservation Commission members will also be volunteering at the event.
- Focus of the event will be clean-up of branches, sticks, garbage in the pond and other “blight” related materials. It will be helpful if someone can offer use of a boat, canoe or kayak to help with removing debris.
- It was mentioned to inform Parks and Rec. about the Event as a courtesy.
- Wood chips at the northeast corner of the pond will be used as mulch.
- Overgrowth extends from Tammy’s Duprey house to the Wheeler School area.
- Rosemary will announce the event at the next Town Council meeting.
- It was suggested that local media be contacted to get the word out; good advertising.

B. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman's report - Jeff reviewed the correspondence and notes from Marge that was received.

Of note is the upcoming 42nd Annual CACIWC Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019. Applications need to be completed and submitted by October 15, 2019. Randy, Devon, and Jeff are planning to attend.

C. MINUTES

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to accept the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Minutes approved as written

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Website** – Marge updated the website and will add the Paderewski Pond Clean-Up Event.
2. **Report on River Clean-up – September 28, 2019.**
The event was a success. River appears to be cleaner than in the past and is remaining cleaner. A discussion to clean-up the Quinpiac River took place (Locations: Lowes, 84 Lumber, pump station toward River Road). Discussion will be continued.

E. FINANCIALS

1. **Treasurers Report** –Jeff went over the line items of the Treasurers Report.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the Treasurers Report.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

2. **Appropriations**

There was a discussion about funds to support registration for the 42nd Annual CACIWC Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference.

A motion was made by: R. Paz to spend up to \$195.00 (\$65.00 per person) for registrations for the 42nd Annual CACIWC Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019.

Seconded by: L. Lozier

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

F. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no miscellaneous items discussed.

1. **Land Acquisition Committee** – There has been no activity.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rosemary Morante distributed bags at the Town Council Meeting and to volunteers who aid in clean-up projects.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Seconded by: D. Tyrell

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

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Substitute Recording Secretary