

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING at 7:30 P.M.

**MUNICIPAL CENTER
ROOM 302**

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: M. Burris, L. Lozier, D. Tyrrell, J. Sepko,

ABSENT: L. Noble, R. Paz

STAFF PRESENT: Mark DeVoe

OTHERS PRESENT: Art Marino

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

III. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS/ CHAIR REPORT

The Chairman's report was read and noted. September 30th is the Clean-up at West Street Cemetery from 9:00am – 12:00noon.

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023 as written.

Seconded by: D. Tyrrell **All in Favor 4 to 0 Motion Passes**

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Tomasso Nature Park

A. Marino said that the beaver den is now at Northwest Drive near the refrigeration unit with access to food. Copperhead babies have been identified in the Metacomet area.

Responses to J. Sepko emails from Bill Hogan at CTDOT have been mailed to the commissioners.

Planner DeVoe and Town Manager Paulhus will be meeting via Zoom with CTDOT to discuss Phase II on Thursday, September 14. Hoping for a cumulative report. Minutes from virtual public information meeting (VPIM) on July 20 to present the preliminary design of State Project No. 109-176, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Phase 2 - Route 72 to Northwest Drive in Plainville are posted on the town website.

J. Sepko will be purchasing plants for the entrance, information board, and other areas (further away from wetlands) to be identified on Saturday, September 16 from Earth Tones Nursery. Plants will be native to the region. Plantings will take place on Sunday, September 17.

b. Paderewski Park Pond

Town Council will be continuing discussion about Paderewski Park Pond during the September 18 meeting. It is not a public hearing. Conservation commissioners are interested in attending the meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

September 30th is the Clean-up at West Street Cemetery from 9:00am – 12:00noon. Planner DeVoe will send a press release. J. Sepko will bring supplies. M. Burris and L. Lozier will bring waiver forms and snacks.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports were presented from 8/23/2023 (does not include encumbrances for long handle grabbers and insect repellent – distributed at tonight's meeting by Planner DeVoe)

(Long handle grabbers \$20.00 each, insect repellent \$20.00 each)

A motion was made by: *L. Lozier to approve the reports as presented.*

Seconded by: *D. Tyrrell All in Favor 4 to 0 Motion Passes*

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Clean-up at West Cemetery is scheduled on September 30th.

J. Sepko will deliver milkweed seeds to the Senior Center.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by: *L. Lozier to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.*

Seconded by: *D. Tyrrell All in Favor 4 to 0 Motion Passes*

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

Recording Secretary