

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2018
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Marge Burris, Jeffrey Sepko, Lisa Lozier, Randall Paz, Jason Arnold

Absent: None

Friends of Paderewski: No one was present.

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

A. Paderewski Pond

1. PADEREWSKI POND – Sub committee

Discussion:

- Water Pollution Control will do testing of the water at the pond. Garrett to check on how frequently that would be done.
- Lisa reported people are dumping again in the pond. She asked if it is possible for Town Staff to monitor it weekly. Garrett to check.
- Lisa has been picking up trash.

B. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to add a public comments section to the agenda after Miscellaneous.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

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

C. MINUTES

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to accept the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes with one change. Jason Arnold made flyers and posted on FB about the River Clean up, not the trails.

Seconded: R.Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Minutes Approved with change

D. FINANCIALS

1. Treasurers Report – Garrett went over the report.

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

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Report Accepted

2. Appropriations –

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to allow Jeff Sepko to purchase the necessary supplies for the Family Fest on May 19, 2018 up to \$75.00.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

A motion was made by: R. Paz to purchase river clean up supplies:

- Tin Snips (3pk)	1
- Safety vests	15
- Class 2 vests	7
- Grabber 36"	2
- Grabber 51"	2
- Trash bags (100ct)	3 cartons
- Gloves (dz)	5 boxes

Seconded by: L. Lozier

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

E. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Trails –R. Paz is coordinating a hike on Trails Day, June 2. It will be on the Metacomet Trail, northern section. Randy shared a flyer with the commission. Lisa talked about "Hospital Rock".
- B. Website – Marge updated the website.
- C. River Clean up –Pequabuck cleanup was a success. Quinnipiac cleanup will be Sat. Sept. 15 to coordinate with the QRWA event.
- D. Earth Day – 2018 – Jeff Sepko distributed seeds to Senior Center, Town Clerk Office and Housing Authority. Commission to have a table with seeds available at the Family Fest.
- E. Fracking Waste Ban Discussion –on hold, waiting for the result of the proposed State Legislation.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fishing Derby** – the commission discussed the possibility of another organization helping with the derby. The consensus was that there are concerns about the water quality at Pad Pond and the commission will put it on hold for now. The commissioners will talk in the fall about other possible conservation efforts instead.

G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Land Acquisition Committee – no updates.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shianne Cutler, 614 River Road, Meriden was present. She worked with the QRWA and gave the commission some ideas on making the River Clean ups successful and recruiting younger residents to help.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary