

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
MAY 10, 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, R. Paz

**ABSENT:** J. Sepko, L. Noble

**STAFF:** M. DeVoe, Town Planner

**II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

None

**III. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Chairman's report was read and noted.*

**IV. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** L. Lozier to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023 as written.

**Seconded by:** R. Paz    **All in Favor 5 to 0    Motion Passes**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Tomasso Nature Park**

*Planner DeVoe reported that the Town Council approved Option 2. The park entrance will be at the kiosk; actual design to be proposed. There will be a gate to enter the park with bollard and allowance for Public Works. The CTDOT will install a split rail fence and plantings at point along the trail. Trail signage to be determined. Turtle nesting will take place on May 11, 2023 with grading off the road. Eggs are expected in June.*

**b. Paderewski Park Pond**

*Planner DeVoe reported that a letter was sent to the Town Manager and PRC Advisory Board asking for ratification and if they will make changes. He indicated that will ask again for an update as to when the Town Council might take action.*

**c. Earth Day**

*Jeff Sepko was paid for his Earth Day expenses. Trees were distributed. Per email received, it was a successful event.*

**d. Quinnipiac River Clean-up**

*The clean-up took place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and went well. 14 volunteers participated. A yellow reflective pipe matching one at the high school field was found on the field side of the river between telephone 2 and 3. It was too heavy to carry out. Planner DeVoe will assess the situation.*

**e. Trails Day**

*R. Paz reported that the town is registered for CT Trails Day. Insect shields (sample shown) will be distributed to participants. The newly purchased portion of Bradley Mountain will be highlighted with hike beginning at Crescent Lake. Development of the existing trail will be allowed and the Town of Southington has allowed public parking at the site.*

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Dues and Memberships**

*Planner DeVoe reported the costs dues and memberships for all associations that the Conservation Commission participates in. Total costs are \$370.00 with a surplus of \$30.00.*

**A motion was made by:** *L. Lozier to accept as printed on Page 3 of the Agenda Report.*

**Seconded by:** *R. Paz All in Favor 5 to 0 Motion Passes*

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A motion was made by:** *L. Lozier to accept the Financial Report as presented.*

**Seconded by:** *D. Tyrrell All in Favor 5 to 0 Motion Passes*

*Commissioners requested the purchase of long heavy duty grippers, telescopic if possible, and tick spray with deet content. Planner DeVoe will research and purchase from Operating Supplies line item.*

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

*Planner DeVoe reported that there is a large parcel (7 – 10 acres) on the open space list at the end of Field Street off Arcadia Avenue that may be available for purchase.*

*Planner DeVoe emailed Town Manager Paulhus regarding representation at Conservation Meetings by a Town Council liaison.*

*M. Burris reported that the Housing Authority likes milkweed seeds for planting this spring.*

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None*

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made by:** *L. Lozier*

**Seconded by:** *D. Tyrrell* **All in Favor 5 to 0    Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Guite*

Recording Secretary