

**Conservation Commission Agenda  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.  
CENTER**

**MUNICIPAL**

**ROOM 302  
Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:** Marge Burris, Randall Paz , Devon Tyrell, Lisa Lozier, Jeffrey Sepko,

**STAFF:** Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner

**VISITORS:** Taylor Murchison, Journalist from The Observer, Art Marino, Curator Tomasso Nature Park.

**ABSENT:** Linel Noble (excused), Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison (excused)

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**There was a quorum.**

**A. PADEREWSKI POND**

**Report on Clean-Up Event for Paderewski Pond:** No new updates.  
It was suggested by L. Loizer to write a letter to Buildings and Grounds in regards to the leaves being blown towards the lake.

**B. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Chairman's Report:** Marge went over the correspondence that was received:

**1. Quinnipiac River Watershed Association**

- Email: Save the Dates
- Email: Everything You Need to know About Water Chestnut

**2. Connecticut Forest and Park**

- Email: Celebrate and Take Action for your State Parks-join us at the State Capital on Tuesday, March 3, 2020
- CFPA Happenings
- Email: reminder for the State Capitol Friends of CT State Parks Day which was held on March 3, 2020
- Email: reminder of the "Passport to the Parks" proposed bill "Raised Bill 5456 "An Act Concerning Exemptions to the Passport to the Parks Fee for Seniors, Veterans, and Certain Vehicle Owners.
- Email: Fundraiser on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant and the proposed bill to incentivize private landowners to protect trail corridors on their property in perpetuity. Raised Bill 5477 "An Act Establishing Tax Abatement for Certain Conservation Easements.

### **3. Peguabuck River Watershed Association**

- Email: Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 15

### **4. Connecticut Association of Wetlands**

- Email: CT Association of Wetland Scientists to host 2020 Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference, Friday, March 13, 2020

### **5. Rivers Alliance**

- Email: Comments for general Permit for Construction Stormwater due Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
- Metropolitan District Commission-Discounts for Niagara
- Email: Do not gut NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act )

### **6. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- Email: Buvana Ramaswamy with attachments for the Fact Sheet Base Level Engineering Overview Discovery Report on the Farmington Watershed.
- Email: New Package Notification-contains a new URL link for report.

## **C. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by: L. Loizer** to accept the minutes of February 10, 2020 as printed.

**Seconded by: R.Paz**

**All in favor 5-0**

**Motion Passes**

#### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Website-** J.Septko added links to the site to websites on native butterfly flora. R. Paz made updates to the website with information of Trails Day Hike.
- **Earth Day** - Saturday April 25, 2020, from 1-4 p.m.
- **Quinnipiac River Clean-up**-Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 9 - 12 p.m. Site
- **Trails Day Hike-** Saturday, June 6, or Sunday, June 7, 2020, Crescent Lake area. R.Paz put in the location of the hike on the website and a date for June 6, 2020

#### **E. FINANCIALS**

- **Treasurer's Report-** Garrett went over the report. No new update.

**A motion was made by: L. Loizer**

**Seconded by: R. Paz**

**All in favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

- **Appropriations:**

**A motion was made by: L. Loizer** for an appropriation up to \$600 for the purchase of plants for Paderewski Pond.

**Seconded by: D.Tyrell**

**All in favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Tomasso State Park-** The park will be opened on March 18, 2020 and group tours available for up to five visitors or more.

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#### **G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Family Fun Fest was cancelled due to Coronavirus concerns.

#### **H. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by: L. Loizer** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM

**Seconded by: R.Paz**

**All in favor 5 - 0**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted.

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Recording Secretary