

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
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Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES

***WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2020 –SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.***

Held by remote technology as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, C-Chairman Dan Fitzgerald, Carol Kaminsky, Adrian Bonenberger, Patrick Sweeney

Absent: Karyl Lee Hall, Lana Bluege, Eleanor Saulys

1. Correspondence and Announcements
 1. Ct Audubon Society Annual renewal
 2. Native Plant Trust Annual renewal

Co-Chairman D. Fitzgerald suggested renewing both.

- A. Bonenberger made a motion to renew both the CT Audubon Society & the Native Plant Trust.
- B. Kaminsky seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Budget:
 - A. Fiscal year 2019- year to date

Chairman Hannon said the budget was approved and they received additional funding for the Pollinator Pathway Project. She also noted they have funds available to spend. The Commission discussed a few ideas. Chairman Hannon said she will send out the approved budget to the Commission for their review.

3. Continuing Business:
 - A. Permits for coastal projects
None to discuss
 - B. Proposed developments and other building projects
None to discuss.

C. Invasive plant control

G. Zelinsky (Public Works Dept.) is working around Chett's Pond area planting wildflowers. P. Sweeney noted that the supply ponds are overrun with invasives yet other areas of town aren't that affected. He suggested perhaps focusing efforts to clear invasives on the areas that aren't as overrun. Co-Chairman Fitzgerald said he would start a list to prioritize the sites.

D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023)
No new information was discussed.

E. Branford Festival
Nothing to discuss. The Festival was cancelled due to the COVID virus.

F. Animal Ordinance

Chairman Hannon noted she sees several cats in her neighborhood. She contacted the Health Dept. and they posted some information regarding animals on the East Shore Health Dept. Facebook page.

G. Pollinator Pathway
Co Chairman Fitzgerald noted that due to the COVID virus, some events were cancelled,
etc. Chairman Hannon said she will post some information regarding caterpillars to the Facebook page.

H. Atlantic Wire Site
Wayne Cooke spoke and said he has serious reservations regarding the Health Dept. Response. He encouraged the Commission to stay involved with this site since it could be an environmental hazard. He noted this is in front of the RTM. He requested that this item remain on our agenda.

I. Earth Day
Nothing was discussed.

4. Reports:

A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition
Nothing was discussed.

B. Library books donations
This is currently on hold. More information to follow.

C. Spill Reports
None

D. Contaminated Sites
None

E. Coastal Resiliency Plan
Nothing was discussed.

F. Website
Chairman Hannon stated she has many ideas for the website which she will pass on to Jenn.

5. Other:

6. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Martin