

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission  
P.O. Box 150  
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Branford, Connecticut

## ***MINUTES***

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Present: Chairman D. Fitzgerald, C. Kaminsky, K. Hannon, P. Sweeney, A. Bonenberger, C. Jasek, H. Wells- Sweeney, C. Day (arrived at 8:10 pm)

Commissioners Absent: K. Lee-Hall

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. October 13, 2021 meeting minutes

K. Hannon made a motion to approve the Oct.13 meeting minutes as written.  
C. Kaminsky seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence and Announcements--None

3. New Business:

Chairman D. Fitzgerald congratulated A. Bonenberger on his new appointment as a RTM Member.

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

Chairman D. Fitzgerald displayed an excel sheet and reviewed each line item.  
He noted he would like to purchase a shed to store the Commissions equipment.  
The Commission discussed this briefly.

- C. Jasek made a motion to set aside \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a shed and fencing and other needed materials.
  - C. Kaminsky seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Fitzgerald noted the shed will be set up at the Early Learning Center.  
He also mentioned he is working with Tyco and the Finance Dept. at Town Hall to purchase yard signs that say "Invasive Plant Removal". He felt these would be useful to let the public know what work is being done at these locations and the date for future work can be put on the sign so people can come and help if they wish.

- D. Continuing Business:
    - a. Permits for coastal projects-- None
    - b. Proposed developments and other building projects

The Clerk (Michelle Martin) reviewed a few items that are currently on the Planning & Zoning Agenda (Goodsell Point Rd, 175 Cherry Hill Road and 26 Cherry Hill Road)

c. Invasive plant control

P. Sweeney spoke and said he wants to get mulch and cardboard down to kill invasive plants at the Early Learning Center, He also spoke of a new highly invasive plant that was found in Kent, CT. It is called the Golden Creeper and is very difficult to remove once it's established.

d. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023)

Chairman Fitzgerald noted he has been attending Inland Wetland Meetings and he had an idea of possibly keeping a count of the swails that are installed in new projects.

e. Branford Festival- No updates. Nothing was discussed.

f. Pollinator Pathway- Chairman Fitzgerald talked about this item toward the end of the meeting. C. Day noted that at the last clean up event a lot of people showed up to help. She hopes maybe these people will be available to help in the spring. She suggested maybe joining forces with the Land Trust.

E. Day mentioned that H. Wells Sweeney drafted a sign for the Early Learning Center and it will be ordered soon.

a. Earth Day- No updates. Nothing was discussed.

b. Crabbing Bridge (Guilford) – No updates. Nothing was discussed.

F. Reports:

a. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition- No updates to report.

b. Library books donations

C.Kamisky said a thank you note was received from Tisko School regarding the library books. She also did hear from the two librarians from the middle and high school. She will be ordering their books soon.

a. Spill reports- None.

b. Contaminated sites- None.

c. Coastal Resiliency Plan- No new updates.

d. Website

Chairman Fitzgerald displayed the introduction sheet for the Commission that's on the website.

The Commission discussed this briefly. P. Sweeney suggested the Commission review this document and submit any comments they may have.

D. Other:

E. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by: M. Martin