

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
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Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022

7:30 P.M.

Was held by remote technology as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I.

Commissioners Present: Chairman D. Fitzgerald, C. Kaminsky, K. Hannon,
K. Lee-Hall, C. Day, H. Wells-Sweeney, P. Sweeney, C.Jasek

1. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 2 ,2022 meeting minutes

P. Sweeney made a motion to approve the 2-2-22 meeting minutes.

C. Kaminsky seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. February 15, 2022

2. Correspondence and Announcements

The commissioners decided to talk about the Natural Inventory first. Karyl Lee Hall noted she thinks at least \$10,000 of the budget should be allocated for the Natural Resource Inventory. That would include the scientific content and the book itself. We want to have a very good document so the next person in the future who is working on it will have a solid foundation. The commission then discussed possible people that may be interested and qualified to work on it. Karyl Lee volunteered to reach out to a few people to gather more possible names. She will have more information for the next meeting. She advised Dan Fitzgerald to speak with the Finance Dept. in regard to the available funds for this.

The Commission then discussed the budget process and the procedure to start the project.

Then the commission returned to the regular agenda.

There were no correspondence items or announcements.

3. New Business:

Chairman Fitzgerald said he may stay on the commission until June and asked H. Sweeney if she was comfortable with that and she was. She said it can be a Transition period for her to step in as Chairperson. The commission said it can Be discussed further next month.

4. Budget:

A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date

Chairman Fitzgerald reviewed the budget line items. He said he was meeting with the First Selectman, Jamie Cosgrove and he would record it and share info with the commission at the next meeting.

5. Continuing Business:

A. Permits for coastal projects

B. Proposed developments and other building projects

The clerk (M. Martin) will update the commission on the Buckley Rd. project at the next meeting.

C. Invasive plant control

P. Sweeney and C. Day are meeting Bill Horne at Todd's Hill Road to discuss what area needs invasive control work done.

D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023)

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

E. Branford Festival

No updates yet on this. H. Sweeney said she sent an email to Diana at town hall and is waiting for a reply. She will contact the Festival committee to get more information.

F. Pollinator Pathway

C. Day said she talked with Judy Preston from UCONN who said she would be available to speak at one of the meetings on a variety of topics. She will set up something for April or May. Chairman Fitzgerald is waiting to hear from Gary in Public Works about moving the shed.

G. Earth Day

Chairman Fitzgerald said he will order some tree saplings to give away to the public. He asked the commission to participate. Another function of the day is to get the public involved in trash pickup throughout the town. He asked the commission to look for areas in town that need clean up. C. Kaminsky asked for a blurb to put on the website.

H. Crabbing Bridge (Guilford)

No discussion.

6. Reports:

A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition

Nothing new to discuss.

B. Library books donations

C. Kaminsky suggested maybe subscriptions to magazines in place of library books for next year? She will check with the school librarians to see if they are interested.

D. Spill reports

None to report.

E. Contaminated sites

None to report.

F. Coastal Resiliency Plan

No discussion.

G. Website

C. Kaminsky thanked the commission for their comments to the website content she sent around. She will correct the typos and the info will be posted to website.

K. Hannon said she will assist C. Kaminsky with the website.

7. Other:

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

M. Martin (Clerk)