

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission
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Branford, Connecticut

MINUTES

MONDAY, May 10, 2021 – SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.

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

Commissioner Patrick Sweeney opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by noting the Commission currently has two project activities. One is dealing with invasives and the other is the Pollinator Pathway Project. He said Branford has about 2,000 acres of wild property in which invasives has a large impact on. The speaker for this evening will give an overview of invasives.

He then introduced David Gumbart (Director of Land Management for the Nature Conservancy) and gave a brief overview of his background.

David Gumbart then presented a powerpoint. He started by talking about what makes an invasive plant. He went thru each criteria with photos.

He displayed photos of invasive plants and native plants. He noted a very informative website that may be helpful is the Invasive Plant Management site and the address is: IPMDAT.org.

Also displayed were photos of rare native plants from CT. He spoke of different tools used for invasive plant removal and had photos of them.

At the end, he had a brief question and answer segment.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.