

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission  
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Branford, Connecticut

## ***MEETING MINUTES***

**WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Present: K. Hannon, H. Wells-Sweeney, C. Kaminsky,  
A. Bonenberger, K. Lee-Hall

Commissioners Absent: P. Sweeney, C. Day, C. Jasek

1. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 4, 2022 meeting minutes

K. Hannon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from  
May 4, 2022.

K. Lee-Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence and Announcements

Chairperson H. Wells- Sweeney said she will send out correspondence from Bill  
Horne regarding his 50 the anniversary Celebration.

3. New Business:

Chairperson H. Wells-Sweeney said she met with Frank Carrano from the  
Branford Arts Alliance. She asked the commission if they would be interested in  
working with them. They will be participating in the Branford Festival and again  
have an event in the fall. The general consensus of the commission was positive.  
Chairperson Sweeney said she will keep the commission updated as things  
progress.

4. Budget:

A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date

Chairperson H. Wells Sweeney reviewed the budget information. She displayed  
an excel sheet showing the commissions expenses which she reviewed.

The commission then discussed renewing various memberships. I will check with  
Finance to review what memberships we joined last year and the cost.

Carol Kaminsky is talking to Nature Works regarding plants to be distributed at  
the Branford Festival. The commission discussed this and voted to purchase  
plantings totaling \$2,000.00 (preferably natives) for distribution at the Festival.

5. Continuing Business:

A. Permits for coastal projects----None

B. Proposed developments and other building projects-  
Nothing new to discuss.

C. Invasive plant control

H. Wells- Sweeney reported the Early Learning Center invasive plant removal is coming along.

D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023)

The commission discussed this and decided they would look at other towns Inventory to get a good scope of the project.

E. Branford Festival

Chairman H. Wells Sweeney noted that neither her or P. Sweeney will be able to attend. She will send out a spreadsheet with time slots during the day where help is needed. She will need help with set up and packing up at the end of the day.

F. Pollinator Pathway

Nothing new to discuss.

G. Earth Day

There is 120 tree saplings leftover. So far, the commission has distributed 570 trees so far per H. Wells-Sweeney.

H. Crabbing Bridge (Guilford)

Nothing new to discuss.

6. Reports:

A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition

Chairperson H. Wells-Sweeney said she will reach out to the committee to learn how to join the committee and/ or attend the meetings.

B. Library books donations

Nothing new to discuss.

C. Spill reports

None to report.

D. Contaminated sites

None to report.

E. Coastal Resiliency Plan

Nothing new to discuss.

F. Website

C.Kaminsky will send all the information to the IT Dept. when all the edits are complete.

7. Other:

A. Tweed Airport Expansion

K. Lee-Hall said she hopes the environmental impacts of this expansion would justify a letter from the commission with talking points listing the impacts of this expansion. She suggested the commission write a letter asking for an environmental study be done. The commission discussed this and agreed. She will draft a letter and send it around for the commission's approval before mailing it out.

C. Kaminsky noted that the commission needs to vote on the new meeting schedule for the upcoming year. She reviewed it for the commission. Commissioner Kaminsky made a motion to approve the meeting schedule Bonenberger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The commission then briefly discussed when their terms will end. It was noted that they are automatically renewed unless they resign. If they wish to resign, they need to write a letter and submit it to the First Selectman's office.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Submitted by:

M.Martin (clerk)