

Branford Conservation and Environment Commission  
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Branford, Connecticut

***MINUTES***

**WEDNESDAY, June 2, 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, C. Jasek, C. Day, K. Lee Hall  
Commissioners Absent: A. Bonenberger

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A. May 5, 2021 meeting minutes

Comm. C. Kaminsky made a motion to approve the May 5 meeting minutes.  
Comm. P. Sweeney seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence and Announcements

Chairman Fitzgerald noted that the clerk (M. Martin) had emailed the Native Plants Programs magazine to the Commission.

3. New Business: Nothing was discussed.

4. Budget:

A. Fiscal year 2019 - year to date

Chairman Fitzgerald reviewed each line item of the budget and briefly discussed the tools and supplies that the Commission had discussed to purchase.

5. Continuing Business:

A. Permits for coastal projects-None

B. Proposed developments and other building projects-The new Aldi supermarket and Chase Bank project near Exit 53 is underway.

C. Invasive plant control – Chairman Fitzgerald reviewed the invasive plant removal locations and their progress noting they are making good progress but it will be ongoing.

D. Natural Resource Inventory (next publication 2023) - Chairman Fitzgerald said this is also progressing and more info will follow.

E. Branford Festival- Nothing new to discuss.

F. Animal Ordinance- Comm. K. Hannon said she will keep the Commission updated on any new developments.

G. Pollinator Pathway-Nothing new was discussed.

H. Earth Day- Nothing was discussed.

I. Crabbing Bridge (Guilford) This item is on hold until the independent Rising Water Study is completed. Commissioner Karyl Lee Hall said she will report any new information she receives to the Commission.

6. Reports:
  - A. Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition- The Commission discussed the May 2 meeting that was held by the Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition.
  - B. Library books donations – Nothing to discuss.
  - C. Spill reports- No new spills were reported.
  - D. Contaminated sites- Chairman Fitzgerald will ask Comm. Peter Yates for an update on this item and also spill reports. Chairman Fitzgerald also noted that since Comm. Yates has resigned from the Commission, he will update the Commission on these two items.
  - E. Coastal Resiliency Plan- More information will be coming.
  - F. Website- Chairman Fitzgerald said he has a few ideas for the website and welcomes other ideas. The Commission discussed this briefly and added a few possible ideas for the website.
7. Other: Nothing else was discussed.
8. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by M. Martin (clerk)