



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Conservation Commission

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Christine Picklo, *Secretary*
Jerry Brophy
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Glenda Sohl
Kaley Sperling – Student
Representative

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Esty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present

Richard Esty, Donna Leake, Christine Picklo, Glenda Sohl

Members Absent

Jerry Brophy, Larry Ritzhaupt, Kacey Constable

Land Use Department Staff

Gillian Carroll Environmental Planner, Sharon Migliaccio, Recording Clerk

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes-** The minutes of June 12, 2018 meeting of the Conservation Commission were reviewed and two typo errors were found.

MOTION to accept the minutes as corrected, **MADE** by R. Esty; **SECONDED** by G. Sohl, **VOTED IN FAVOR:** R. Esty, D. Leake, C. Picklo; G. Sohl, **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** 0; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

B. **Correspondence & Announcements**

The only correspondence was the Habitat.

C. **Budget Review-**Richard reported on the 2017-2018 budget which ended June 30th. He said that expenses included supplies for the blue bird, butterfly, and bat houses. The new budget for the Conservation Commission is \$3,717.29 for 2019 fiscal year.

D. **Committees**

i. Inland Wetlands- Richard had nothing to report.

ii. Preserve Management Committee- Kacey was not present to report on the Preserve.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Robert Langdon, the organizer for National Drive Electric Week, spoke to the commission about the event which will be on September 15, 2018 at Saybrook Point. There will be several car dealerships as well as current owners of electric cars. Richard offered to place fliers of the event in Town Hall and some area businesses. The office of the Conservation Commission endorses the event. After some discussion and questions, the commission thanked Mr. Langdon for his presentation.

B. **Conservation Commission Plan Update** – There were some questions as to the purpose of amending the conservation plan. Gillian said that the commission will be only updating action items to the plan not rewriting it. It is important to know what the commission's goals are and to have a document that educates the reader. Glenda would like a map of the regions included in the document. Richard suggested we have Christine Nelson attend our next meeting to answer any questions the commission may have and the best way to proceed.

Gillian passed out a list of plans for the next decade. Other items on the list were Green Way Trail Plan, Recreational Park Plan Vernal pools are also on the list. Glenda wanted to know what was involved in working on this project. Richard explained the process. Other items on the list were discussed and Richard asked the members to email him as to what subjects they would be interested in and they would be addressed at the next meeting. Gillian presented a map of community facilities and open space. There was extensive discussion and Gillian agreed to provide one.

C. **Project Prioritization -**

Plastics- A subcommittee was formed of Glenda, Larry and Christine. Education is important and plastics should be an action item in the conservation plan, one of the tasks to be completed and tie back to the action plan. There was discussion on composting and the involvement of the Town. How does it impact the plastic problem? How can we reduce waste and educate the public? Perhaps films in our film series can be a combination of plastics and composting.

D. **Sustainable CT** – Gillian gave her report on sustainable CT.

V. A. **Film Series** – The film series will be put on hold until we make a decision.

B. **Social Media** – Kaley was not present to give her report but the commission tried to come up with other ways to reach the public. It was suggested Kaley ask some friends who live in Old Saybrook to come to one of our meetings.

C. **Habitat Outreach** – Richard said the Youth and Family summer camp is starting and on Monday, July 16th at 10 am at the Goodwin school and will be making bat houses. Richard cannot attend but Glenda said she would cover for him.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

<p>MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission which will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street; APPROVAL by unanimous consent;</p>

<u>VOTED IN FAVOR:</u> R. Esty, G. Sohl, C. Picklo; G. Sohl, C. Constable, <u>OPPOSED:</u> None; <u>ABSTAINED:</u> 0; <u>APPROVED:</u> 4-0-0.
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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon E. Migliaccio
Recording Clerk

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