



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Conservation Commission

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
First Floor Conference Room, Town Hall
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Richard Esty, Christine Picklo, Kelly Hartshorn, Donna Leake, Tom Gezo and Student Rep. Joe Bradley

Members Absent

Glenda Sohl and Larry Ritzhaupt

Land Use Department Staff

Patrick Hegge, Environmental Planner; Lynette Wacker, Recording Clerk

Guest

Jim Therrien, Old Saybrook Transfer Station Operator

III. NEW BUSINESS

P. Hegge circulated information about the CT Land Conservation Conference taking place on March 21st at Wesleyan University. T. Gezo mentioned that the CT River Gateway Commission is sponsoring that conference. T. Gezo also circulated a brochure from the CT River Conservancy for their Winter/Spring 2020 programs. R. Esty circulated a flyer for the CT Compost Conference taking place on March 23rd at Central CT State University. K Hartshorn and C. Picklo reported that they will be attending.

R. Esty reported that Essex is working on a Pollinator Pathway project and has invited Old Saybrook to participate. He has discussed with town planner C. Nelson the idea of establishing a pollinator garden and mural in the Main Street park across from Town Hall. Funding for these pro-

jects might be available through the Sustainable CT program and other sources. K. Hartshorn volunteered to look further into this project.

R. Esty reported that there will be an opening on the Conservation Commission because G. Sohl has resigned.

IV. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Meeting Minutes** of January 14, 2020

MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2020 as presented; **MADE** by T. Gezo and **SECONDED** by K. Hartshorn; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** R. Esty, K. Hartshorn, T. Gezo, C. Picklo, D. Leake; **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

B. **Correspondence & Announcements** – R. Esty announced that at next month's meeting he would like everyone to share what they do for their jobs and/or hobbies.

C. **Budget Review** – R. Esty reported that there is an outstanding bill for the quarterly newsletter. P. Hegge stated that the bill has not yet been received.

V. **COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVE & STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Inland Wetlands and Aquifer Commissions** – P. Hegge reported that an application for sidewalks along Route 1 between Lynde St. and Pond Rd. and an application for a minor residential addition will be discussed at the next IWWC meeting.

B. **Preserve Management Committee** – G. Sohl was not present to report.

C. **Gateway Conservation Commission** - T. Gezo reported that two zoning changes for Old Saybrook were signed off on by the GCC- one regarding the addition and removal of fill, and the second regarding the lighting of athletic fields. The GCC asked that any properties within the Gateway Conservation Zone require special permitting for athletic field lighting.

D. **Sustainable CT Team** - K. Hartshorn reported that the Conservation Commission will hand out a Watershed Health Pledge at the film festival, which could also qualify for points under Sustainable CT Action 2.1.

VI. **PROJECT WORK: Plastics Initiative**

Film Series Update – R. Esty reported that he would like to see tables there for several groups, including the Garden Club. He distributed information about the film series at his place of work and many people expressed interest in attending. C. Picklo distributed a draft agenda for the day of the festival to the Commission members. There was a discussion about workshop topics and speakers. K. Hartshorn to follow up on having a Pollinator Pathways presentation or table. R. Esty to follow up with the Garden Club and IWWC about having a table. P. Hegge will contact OSMS to clarify which room spaces are available and the beginning/ending times of their reservation, to make sure they have access to wifi and a projector, to request tables and chairs in the atrium, and to ask about

having a food truck or other food vendor there. R. Esty to check with the Lions Club about providing food. He suggested that only compostable and recyclable materials be used. There was a discussion about how to accommodate families that bring small children. C. Picklo will check with Acton Public Library about having a program for children during the festival. P. Hegge and C. Picklo to work on finding someone to speak about native plants. R. Esty discussed advertising of the film series via town electronic signs, Harbor News, Events magazine, the Day, E-list, the Old Saybrook town website, social media and flyers. T. Gezo volunteered to lead the discussion after the film.

VII. **OTHER PROJECT UPDATES**

- A. **Quarterly Newsletter – Next Topic** – Articles are due to R. Esty by March 25th.
- B. **Saybrook Events Magazine**- Someone will contribute an article about Earth Day 50th anniversary/Film Festival. The deadline is March 4th.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

<p>MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission on March 10, 2020, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 302 Main Street; MADE by T. Gezo and SECONDED by K. Hartshorn; VOTED IN FAVOR: R. Esty, T. Gezo, K. Hartshorn, C. Picklo, D. Leake; OPPOSED: None. ABSTAINED: None. APPROVED: 5-0-0.</p>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Lynette Wacker
Recording Clerk