

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
LINCOLN CENTER DIRECTOR'S ROOM
March 10, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Clancy (Chair), Frank Belknap, Ben Weidner, Bryon Billings, Bonnie Potocki

ALSO PRESENT: David Laiuppa, Environmental Planner/Wetlands Agent
Mike Reilly, Donna Kaffenberger

Mr. Clancy convened the meeting at 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes February 10, 2021

The February 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation / Discussion

- None

Application Presentations

- Mr. Laiuppa discussed the upcoming Parkade development application which includes a wetland application and an erosion & sedimentation control application.
 - After some discussion the Conservation Commissioners came up with a list of questions / concerns to be presented at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting:
 - More trees at the bus stops
 - More trees at the dog park
 - The trail should be pervious
 - What is the surface for the dog park going to be made of & will there be a cover over it?
 - There should be brook enhancement – including invasive species eradication
 - There should be plantings along the trail
 - Will there be snow removal from the trail?
 - Are the “courts” included in the calculation for open space?
 - There should be plantings of native plants and grasses
- Mr. Laiuppa also discussed the following upcoming applications:
 - 90 Union Street – wetland application – construction of a deck in the upland review area
 - 50 Tufts Drive – wetland application – construction of a pool in the upland review area
 - Marsh Pond – wetland application – repairs and upgrades to stormwater outfalls into existing pond

Wetlands Permit Status

- None

Wetland Agent Actions/Enforcement

- Mr. Laiuppa gave an update on the status of the active Cease and Correct Order against the owner of the active construction site on Wetherell Street. The owner of the project is working on meeting all orders associated with this action.

Communications/Training/Seminars

- Ms. Potocki talked about a webinar that she attended which was hosted by the Connecticut Bar Association.
- Mr. Laiuppa said that the North Central Conservation District is having their annual plant sale.

Reports

- Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (HRLPC)
 - Mr. Belknap said that there has been excessive beaver activity on the trails lately.
 - Mr. Belknap told the Commissioners that there was an opportunity to acquire funding from Representative Larson's office to assist with work at Laurel Marsh.
- Case Mountain Recreation Area
 - Mr. Clancy said that there was nothing new to report.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)
 - Mr. Belknap said that they are hosting walks and doing fund raising for the Lombardo Farm purchase.
 - Mr. Belknap said that the Hartford Audubon donated \$33,000 for the Lombardo Farm purchase.
- Rail Trails and Greenways
 - Mr. Clancy said that there was a Zoon meeting showing plans along the trail at Hartford Road.
- Manchester Matters Bulletin
 - Mr. Belknap said that there should be an article about bears and bird feeders.
- Land Acquisition Committee
 - Mr. Clancy said that the next meeting will be on March 25.
- Manchester Sustainability Task Force
 - Mr. Laiuppa said that he has had discussions with the staff liaison for the Sustainability Commission about commission organization and conveying comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Tree Committee
 - Mr. Belknap said that plants should be planted in mature growth settings so that there will be a succession.
 - Ms. Kaffenberger said that she is concerned about Emerald Ash Borer

Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

New Business

- No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM

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