

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
LINCOLN CENTER DIRECTOR'S ROOM
January 19, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Clancy (Chair), Frank Belknap, Helen Robbins, Laura Edwards, Amberlee Clark, Bonnie Potocki, Ben Weidner

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

Mr. Clancy convened the meeting at 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes December 15, 2020

The December 15, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation / Discussion

- None

Application Presentations

- None

Wetlands Permit Status

- Mr. Laiuppa gave a status update on the following recent application:
 - 63 Wyneding Hill Road
 - The applicant would like to dredge muck from the bottom of the pond on his residential property. The muck consists primarily of years of accumulated organic material mixed with some mineral soils.
 - The Planning and Zoning Commission has approved this application.

Wetland Agent Actions/Enforcement

- Mr. Laiuppa said that, based on investigations and continual inability to control site runoff, he would be issuing a Cease and Correct Order against the owner of the active construction site on Wetherell Street. The sediment has been documented entering downstream wetlands and watercourses.

Communications/Training/Seminars

- Mr. Laiuppa said that he was in communication with the owner of a pond on Bell Street. There was a mistaken report that the owner of the pond was filling in the pond without a permit.

- Mr. Laiuppa said that he has been discussing maintenance activities with Eversource based on reports that Mr. Belknap made that he has noticed that Eversource and their contractors have been actively working in the area that has been identified as sensitive habitat for turtles.
 - Mr. Laiuppa said that he is scheduling a field walk with Eversource.
- Mr. Laiuppa shared a brochure for the CT Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions webinar to the commission.

Reports

- Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (HRLPC)
 - Mr. Belknap said that they are busy with trail repairs and general maintenance.
 - Mr. Belknap said that the bridge behind East Catholic High Scholl has fallen into the river.
 - Mr. Belknap said that there are drainage issues on the stone dust trail at Laurel Marsh.
- Case Mountain Recreation Area
 - Ms. Edwards said that she noticed plastic toys that had been dumped at the Birch Street parking lot.
 - Ms. Edwards said that she noticed trees being cut along the bike trails near the top of the mountain to the left of the vernal pool.
 - Mr. Clancy said that he has run out of trail maps.
 - Mr. Clancy said that he worked with Sue Barlow to help someone who was documenting mining sites throughout Connecticut, including at Case Mountain.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)
 - Mrs. Robbins said that they are still working hard on fund raising efforts for the Lombardo Farm purchase and that they are offering golf cart tours to any interested parties.
 - Mrs. Robbins said that the property management plans are complete.
- Rail Trails and Greenways
 - There was a presentation of the shared path at Bidwell Street.
- Manchester Matters Bulletin
 - Ms. Potocki suggested that someone should re-publish information about the Mark-it system.
- Land Acquisition Committee
 - Nothing to report.
- Manchester Sustainability Task Force
 - Ms. Edwards said that the Sustainability Committee has an upcoming meeting and they are going to discuss a retreat.

Old Business

- There was discussion about a letter from the Tree Warden.

- Mr. Clancy said that he would draft a response to the letter for the Commissioners to review at the next meeting.

New Business

- Mr. Reilly said that he had noticed posted hunting signs at Line Street near Case Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM

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