

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay, Commissioners Richard Post, Tim Coughlin, Pam Roman, Matthew Silzicki, John Massari and Sara Sterling

Chairman Lemay opened the meeting at 7:04 pm welcoming the new commissioners and explaining that commissioner terms are staggered so that there is continuity and a blend on the Commission. Meetings were discussed noting they are held one week before the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission meeting. Mrs. Lemay noted the Commission was an advisory commission that makes science-based recommendations to the other land use boards in the town who are governed by regulations.

All members of the Conservation Commission introduced themselves noting backgrounds and what their particular interests were with regard to the Commission.

**Accomplishments of 2020 and Goals for 2021**

Mrs. Lemay noted the following:

Successes & Accomplishments

1. Completed Phase II of the Natural Resource Inventory – this is a comprehensive project conducted by Jim Nordgren. Looking to complete a usable document for all the land use boards with recommendations for improvement in certain areas gleaned from the NRI.
2. Launched Pollinator Pathway with town team – launched in early 2020 but placed on hold due to pandemic. Sustainable Trumbull used this as part of their certification entries for the Sustainable CT application.
3. Submitted for Sustainable CT Certification – Town received a Bronze certification and is working towards Silver.
4. Created Multi-committee land use training and advisory team with UCONN CLEAR
5. Updated both Zoning and IWWC regulations to mandate LID (Low Impact Development) – worked on a green infrastructure to help with storm water management. The updating of the regulations is an on-going project.

Goals and Objectives for 2021-2022

1. Roll out results of Natural Resource Inventory to public.

2. Launch Pollinator Pathway to public.
3. Work on public survey on conservation, open space and tree issues.
4. Work on a tree replacement plan with Sustainable Trumbull team.
5. Fill four open slots on Conservation Commission – completed.

Mr. Post spoke briefly on the work of the Sustainable CT Committee initiative noting that it overlapped with the Conservation Commission in some areas. They are planning an Earth Week in April with various activities. Mrs. Roman, also a member of the Committee, noted several ideas have been submitted for activities for Earth Week that are being discussed for potential implementation. She also discussed the process with regard to the application submitted to the State noting that points were accumulated based on various projects within the town such as the Pollinator Pathway, outreach, etc. Submission deadlines for the next phase are preliminary in April and August with final submissions made in September. Mrs. Lemay will include this topic on the Commission's next agenda for an update.

Discussion was held regarding outreach with regard to the Pollinator Pathway project and if groups have been identified who would be integral to the dissemination of information. Mr. Post noted he was interested in pursuing QR codes that could be used in such places as Old Mine Park at the kiosk completed by former Conservation Commissioner Don Watson. These codes could have a link to additional information that may interest those using the park.

Funding was discussed. It was noted that 319 funds were used in the Old Mine Park project as well as the Long Hill Green initiative. Mr. Massari noted that the State has funding available for land acquisition and restoration and would contact them for more information.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Natural Resource Inventory and how it should be presented to the public. This has been reviewed by Mr. Paris who commented that it should be an objective inventory. Mrs. Lemay reviewed several pages of the document noting it is approximately 600 pages in length. It includes threats to the environment and recommendations for remediation. Discussion was held regarding the removal of those comments into a separate document that would make it user friendly and accessible. As this document is still in the editing phase, it was agreed that Mr. Post would contact Mr. Nordgren and discuss the proposed new document. It was suggested that Mr. Nordgren be invited to a future meeting to continue discussions of the NRI.

#### **Next Meeting**

The March 31 meeting of the Commission was cancelled. The next meeting will be held April 28, 2021.

There being no further business, Mrs. Lemay adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk