

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
7:00 pm
Long Hill Conference Room, Trumbull Town Hall

Present: Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay, Commissioners Matthew Sulzicki, Sara Sterling, Pam Roman, Richard Post and John Massari

Absent: Tim Coughlin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemay at 7:04 pm.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Roman to approve the minutes of March 30, 2022 as written. Seconded by Mr. Post and approved by unanimous consent.

Old Business

1. Pollinator Pathway Updates – Mrs. Roman noted on April 18 on CBS This Morning, there was a story about the Pollinator Pathway from Wilton, CT. As a result, she has already received 127 orders for signs from all over the country. People were excited to know this existed because they had never heard of it. She asked the Wilton representatives about taking this nationally and they are already working with people on the west coast who are interested.
2. Letter to Planning & Zoning to Discuss Zoning Upgrades – Mrs. Lemay noted P&Z had no applications to review in April and the meeting was cancelled. She indicated there are applications in the pre-application phase which should be reviewed under the new state-required guidelines.
3. Native Plant Recommendations for Trumbull – Mrs. Roman questioned if there were funds available to print the four page document. Mrs. Lemay requested a quote for a supplemental appropriation request. Mr. Masseri will work with his printer on a quote for 300 brochures. It was noted this information is on the Sustainable Trumbull website under Pollinator Pathway.
4. A Thousand Trees for Trumbull With Sustainable Trumbull Team – Discussion was held regarding what the next steps would be if the budget is passed for this initiative. There needs to be a plan in place for the project as well as outreach and education of the public. Suggestion was made to have a booth at the Farmers' Market to spread the information. Mr. Coughlin will be instrumental in the development of the plan as he has been involved in this type of program

through his work. Mrs. Roman noted there is also an opportunity for a matching grant from Sustainable CT. Trees can be ordered in advance and stored until the appropriate planting time.

5. Updates on IWWC Applications – No update.
6. Mrs. Sterling noted she received an email from the Town regarding the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems MS4 Report. This is required by a provision of the Clean Water Act and is an annual report of activities undertaken to meet the Minimum Control Measures in the Town's Stormwater Management Plan. There is an opportunity for public comment on the report before it is filed with CTDEEP. Mrs. Lemay will review to determine if the Conservation Commission should respond.

New Business

Analysis of the Completed Conservation Town Survey/Plan for Outreach to the Public on Survey Results

Mrs. Sterling presented preliminary data gleaned from the survey results to the Commission. After review of the data, discussion was held regarding next steps which included releasing of information to the public, obtaining input from the First Selectman and other pertinent town leaders, selection of topics to be presented, priorities of the Conservation Commission and Sustainable CT in relation to the topics, creating a thematic presentation for Planning & Zoning and other town departments/individuals and public outreach. Mr. Sulzicki will craft an email to the First Selectman with the preliminary data for her input and recommendations on presenting the information to the residents.

Next Meeting – June 1, 2022

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk