

Trumbull Nature Commission Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Jack Boynton, Karen Laracca and Olia Yelner

Also Present: Sheryl Baumann from TNAC

Absent: Emily Shufrin

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mr. Boynton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Yelner to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Laracca and approved by unanimous consent.

TNAC Director's Report

Mrs. Baumann shared her report with the Commissioners (previously distributed and posted on the website with agenda) noting the following:

1. Most of the ARPA projects have been completed –
 - a. Ramp has been replaced
 - b. Outside access door has been replaced in the garage
 - c. Roof is currently being replaced
2. Henkel will be on-site on October 12 to do some landscaping in several areas including in front of the new ramp which is now double the width.
3. George Estrada requested items to be included in the up-coming Five-Year Capital Plan. Discussion was held with the TNAC Board and items were submitted.
4. TNAC is very pleased with the work that has been completed on the property by the Town.
5. Several grants have been received including \$35,000 from CT DEEP for the next two years.
6. The Science Adventure Trail program was held this summer with good feedback.
7. The mural project has been completed. The banner was displayed at the State Capital.
8. Unilever will be on-site in October doing general upkeep/maintenance of the gardens.

Old Business

Additional discussion was held regarding ARPA funding and projects at TNAC. Mrs. Baumann was unsure how many of the items will be addressed as she is unaware of the total cost of what has been completed.

New Business

1. Mrs. Baumann noted two concerns with the property. Even though the building is on the Town's pest control program, there is a problem with mice because the building is not secure to prevent them from getting in. The second concern is the grading of the driveway which has caused problems with motor vehicles, in particular buses that drop off students. The pavement needs to be flattened so that vehicles are able to turn around and not get stuck.
2. Next meeting will be held by ZOOM on December 19, 2023. The spring meeting will be held in person.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall;
Clerk