TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Town Hall
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

Trumbull Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
7:00 pm
Long Hill Conference Room, Town Hall

Present: John Massari, Alex Rydelek, Dean Lindsey, Mark Schroeder and Sara Laden (entered at 7:07 pm)

Absent: Tim Coughlin and Kate Giannelli

Also Present: Christine Dobi

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Massari.

Past Minutes
Mr. Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes of August 26, 2026; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Minutes were approved with one abstention from Mr. Massari.

Old Business

1. Vine Team – Mr. Lindsey noted the second event at the Nature Center went well with 12-14 volunteers who worked along the pond area. Would like to return to Twin Brooks at the end of October.
2. Farmers Market Participation – Mr. Lindsey noted the event went well; three blueberry bushes were raffled off. There were less attendees but more people stopped at the booth to ask questions.
3. Trumbull Tree Give Away, Spring 2027 – no additional information.
4. Public Act No 26-61 – Mr. Massari spoke with representatives from DEEP regarding the regulation noting it was confusing. The regulation does not need to be followed, it is only a suggestion. It is up to the Town whether or not they will enforce.

Ms. Laden entered the meeting at 7:07 pm.

5. Forester Management Plan – Mr. Schroeder noted he located a Trumbull resident who works for CAES as a research forester that he could contact to discuss a stewardship plan for Beeches Park. He will obtain a cost for this initiative so the Town can be approached for funding. The report from the State Forester will provide information to develop this plan.
6. Grant Funding Opportunities – no additional information.
7. IWWC Applications – no updates.

8. Open Space/Aspetuck Land Trust – Nothing additional information. Discussion was held regarding the management of the properties. The Land Trust currently does not have management programs on their properties. This affects the overall condition of the land and the wildlife associated with it. Committee members felt this would not be a good option for properties within Trumbull. The Commission will continue to monitor any discussions.
9. Outreach Program – Mr. Lindsey discussed the possibility of holding a program in late Spring with local experts discussing various topics such as tree planting, forestry management plans, the importance of meadows, etc. Presenters could include the tree warden, State Forester, biologists and other experts. Mr. Lindsey will contact Mr. Paris regarding his thoughts on such a program.

New Business

1. Ms. Laden noted she spoke with State Representative David Rutigliano regarding tree management regulations. These discussions included the possibility of implementing more regulations on private property. Ms. Massari suggested that members of the Environmental Committee be contacted for their assistance through Mr. Rutigliano. Regulations require funding but the movement could raise awareness. It was noted other municipalities require a sign off by Inland Wetlands on all permit applications. This would be an opportunity to provide information on tree management regulations. Local tree services should also be made aware of the regulations.
2. Next Vine Team date is tentatively scheduled for October 24 at Twin Brooks Park. Mr. Lindsey will verify location to be addressed within the park.

Next Meeting

October 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Schroeder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm; seconded by Ms. Laden. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk