

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay, Commissioners Matthew Sulzicki, Tim Coughlin and Sara Sterling

Absent: Pam Roman, John Massari and Richard Post

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemay at 7:07 pm.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the minutes of October 27, 2021 as written. Seconded by Mrs. Sterling and approved unanimously.

New Business

1. 2022 Meeting Dates – Mrs. Lemay requested the Commissioners review the proposed meeting dates for next year and get back to her with any comments. It was noted the Conservation Commission meetings are scheduled for the Wednesday prior to the IWWC meetings so that applications can be reviewed that are on the agenda for discussion. The next Conservation Commission meeting is January 26, 2022.
2. Re-Instatement of Commissioners – Mrs. Lemay noted this can be conducted at the January 26 meeting or the two commissioners can contact the First Selectman and have her swear them in earlier.
3. Feedback and NRI Presentation to Parks and Recreation Commission – Mrs. Lemay noted she, Mr. Post and Mrs. Sterling, along with Jim Nordgren, attended the last Parks and Rec meeting. Mr. Nordgren presented the NRI to the Commission summarizing recommendations that would be easy to achieve but have high impact for the town. Mrs. Sterling then presented her power point regarding how the Conservation Commission would like to break the document down into workable sections to be used by the town and the residents. There was not much reaction from the Commission but they did agree that the Conservation Commission should come back once a year to give an update on the NRI. A liaison between the two commissions was requested but none was offered.

General discussion was held regarding next steps with the document. It was agreed that the Commission would need to work on the projects without Parks and Rec involvement. In order

to proceed with some of the items, the Commission would need to secure funding, either through a budget line item or grants. The Tree Management Plan and its implementation was discussed at length and how to move forward in securing funding. Finding funding through the Public Works Department is not an option at this time. It was noted that Sustainable CT is willing to work on a grant for the project. Calculations for tree replacement and planting will be completed for discussion at budget time. Mrs. Lemay is planning to meet with Public Works and Engineering to present the NRI next week.

4. Status of Sustainable Trumbull Submission for Silver and Plans for 2022 – Mrs. Roman was not present. Mrs. Lemay noted there were no new developments and that the official award was received.
5. Draft Goals for 2022 and Success from 2021 - Mrs. Lemay presented a power point presentation to the Commission showing the work of the commission since its inception in 2007. She pointed out highlights and accomplishments for each year including major projects and grant funding obtained. Some of the projects included a working group for GIS, Tree Ordinance Management Plan, restoration at Old Mine Park and Twin Brooks, POCD, Hillcrest Middle School courtyard habitat project, Solarize CT initiative, Long Hill Green LID restoration, NRI for TNAC, flyers for tree care and storm water management mailed to residents, lakeside flyer distributed to residents around Pinewood Lake, NRI for the town, assisted in upgrading P&Z regulations with consultant, created Sustainable CT, launched Pollinator Pathway and assisted with advisory letters to IWWC on several applications. She also mentioned various awards and funding that was received for some of the projects. Mrs. Lemay requested the Commissioners submit ideas and goals for the coming year. It was reiterated that they will need support from the Town officials and departments as well as funding to move forward with some of the projects they have discussed.
6. Town Survey on Sustainability – Mrs. Sterling presented to the Commission her ideas on possible areas of focus for the survey. She spoke about the goals or focus, data point results, distribution, who would be taking the survey, whether the Commission should join with another organization such as Sustainable CT and timing of its release. Goals must be decided. This will be included in the 2022 goals for the Commission.

Old Business

1. Updates on IWWC Applications – Mrs. Lemay presented a draft letter regarding the Moorefield project and their application to IWWC to remove a grove of established trees on the edge of the property which takes them into a regulated area. As an advisory group to IWWC, two options were presented in the letter as alternatives to their request that would be more environmentally friendly. After discussion, Mr. Sulzicki moved to approve the letter with changes as discussed and forward it to the Town Engineer and IWWC clerk to be presented at the IWWC meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Sterling and approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk