

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023**

PRESENT: David Roberts, Chairman; David Desiderato, Zach Donais, Mindy Gould, Kara Marshall,

ABSENT: Kent McCord

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Roberts confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public present.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION By M. Gould, seconded by D. Desiderato, the commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022 as written.

4. SUSTAINABLE CT UPDATES

- D. Roberts reported Sustainable-CT feels the Commission's submission is 75 to 80% complete. They noted action items need to be clearly identified. He will work with Monica Logan to re-write some of Action Item 1 and how it relates to Action Item 8.1. The steps need to be clearly identified, i.e., what work was done to get groups engaged, what methods were used, etc.
- K. McCord will contact someone at Sustainable CT to work on his items.
- D. Roberts will re-submit #1.
- K. Marshall will reach out to the Development Commission regarding #6 to inquire about their plan regarding sidewalks.
- M. Gould will contact A. Kenyon via email tomorrow regarding the Affordable Housing section (#11).
- M. Gould (#9) – turning in five points and will add more library events for possibly another five points.
- D. Roberts asked members to read the reviewers' notes and have drafts ready for the next meeting on February 14th.

5. UPDATE ON POLLINATOR PATHWAY CONTEST

- At this time, four submissions have been received and there are more to come.
- The remaining submissions will be shared prior to the deadline and will be forwarded to commissioners prior to the February 14th meeting.

- D. Roberts will contact the Lions Club to see if they can pay for the printing of the signs.
- D. Roberts will provide a \$50.00 gift card for the winner. He would like to get a picture of the winner with their sign to submit to The Drummer.
- Z. Donais will provide a packet of seeds.
- M. Gould questioned if printing will be more expensive if there are colors involved. Artists could be asked to scale back colors if necessary.

6. LIBRARY PROGRAM UPDATES

M. Gould noted that Holly Johnson attended a conference and brought up her collaboration with the Conservation Commission. It was very well received and created a lot of discussion.

Upcoming library topics include:

- February 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.: All About EV
- March 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.: Planting a Veggie Garden. D. Desiderato asked that individuals who participate in the community garden be included. There were some vacant plots this year and including them may help to make this resource more known. He will forward the coordinator's name to M. Gould. D. Roberts asked that someone from the Grange be invited as well.
- April 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Creating a Pollinator Habitat.
- May 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Dark Skies – A Look at Light Pollution

7. DRUMMER ARTICLE UPDATES

- K. McCord is working on his EV article for the Drummer and will submit it by the deadline (the 16th).
- K. Marshall will write the garden article and Mindy will write the articles regarding pollinator habitats and dark skies.

8. MEETING TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2023

- Pollinator Pathway Contest
- Sustainable CT Updates
- Library/Drummer Topics (if needed)
- Compostable Waste

FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- M. Gould needs assistance with information to add to social media.
- D. Roberts noted every day at 4:00 p.m. Cumberland Farms throws out all unpurchased Italian food. There was a brief discussion regarding the resulting environmental issue, as well as food insecurity.
- M. Gould would like Blue Earth to have a presence in town. Z. Donais noted if she is looking for funding sources it would be beneficial to demonstrate the cost saving benefit of composting.

- D. Desiderato noted there is an invasives event scheduled for Saturday and he is watching the weather.
- The Grange has a vote Friday night for new members and officers. Let D. Roberts know if you are interested in joining.
- The wildflower garden has been seeded and things are in a holding pattern until spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION BY M. Gould, seconded by Z. Donais, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary