

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

PRESENT: David Roberts, Chairman; David Desiderato, Zach Donais, Mindy Gould, Kara Marshall, 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 JANUARY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION By D. Desiderato, seconded by K. Marshall, the commission voted unanimously (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023 as written.

4. SUSTAINABLE CT UPDATES

As of the January meeting, the commission has accumulated 135 points toward bronze status. Another submission will be done in early April which leaves only one more meeting before that time. A total of over 200 points is needed. The commission reviewed what points have been obtained currently and what needs to be done to obtain Bronze Status:

- D. Roberts is hoping for 30 points for item #1 He would like to submit for Expand Communications.
- K. McCord submitted an update and two points for a total of 30 which gives a total of 195 points.
- Z. Donais logged in another 30 points (2.3.1 and 2.3.2) and expects to get 15 of those granted.
- K. Marshal needs to get the Development Commission's sidewalk plan and document it for an additional five points.
- M. Gould will load #9, #11 and #8.1.
- D. Roberts will work on 5.1 and 8.5.
- K. Marshall will work on 6.5.
- Z. Donais is working on Section 3 (Open Spaces) and D. Desiderato will talk to him regarding invasives.
- Before the next meeting D. Roberts will review the database to determine where the commission stands.

5. POLLINATOR PATHWAY CONTEST

The 17 entries were reviewed by the Commission. ON A MOTION by M. Gould, seconded by D. Desiderato, the commission voted unanimously (6-0-0) to approve entry #12 as the winner of the pollinator pathway sign contest. D. Roberts will notify the winner. He will write to all participants to thank them for their submission and to express his hope they will participate again. He will have 100 signs printed.

6. LIBRARY PROGRAM/DRUMMER TOPICS – IF NECESSARY

- Last night's EV program held at the library went very well.
- K. Marshall wrote an article on gardening. She spoke to Holly Johnson regarding a program at the library on March 13th and Holly is looking for a Master Gardener. It was noted that someone from the community gardens should be notified.
- M. Gould will submit an article on the pollinator pathway signs for the April edition and an article on dark skies for May.
- K. McCord will submit an article on mosquito control for the June edition of the Drummer.
- Z. Donais will look into getting someone from DEEP or the State to attend the library program regarding mosquito control.

7. MEETING TOPICS FOR MARCH 14, 2023

- Sustainable CT Update Before Submission
- Library Program
- Formation of an Invasive Species/Native Plants Ordinance
- Drummer Articles:

8. FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- The commission currently has a vacancy for a Republican member.
- K. McCord reported "Explore Granby" will not occur this year.
- A future meeting should include a discussion of topics to begin working on. D. Roberts noted State Representative Mark Anderson will speak at the Riverton Grange on Friday, March 3rd regarding State environmental issues.
- The Granby Grange will hold an Agricultural Fair on September 9th and the Agricultural Commission will hold Farm Day on September 16th.
- The Grange is exploring the possibility of holding a "field trip" to two farms in town.

9. ADJOURN

ON A MOTION BY Z. Donais, seconded by K. Marshall, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary