

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2023**

PRESENT: David Roberts, Chairman; David Desiderato, Mindy Gould (via telephone), Kara Marshall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Roberts confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public present.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION By K. Marshall, seconded by D. Desiderato, the commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023 as written.

4. YARD SIGN INITIATIVE UPDATE

Griffin Parrow, a 17 year-old high school student with an interest in environmental issues was the winner of the sign contest. The presentation went very well.

5. SUSTAINABLE CT UPDATES

The Commission briefly reviewed what has been submitted and what needs to be done by the deadline (April 14th at noon). M. Gould will complete hers this week and noted she spoke to Selectman Mark Neumann regarding affordable housing.

- K. Marshall will get in touch with Sustainable CT with some questions she has regarding Item 6.
- D. Roberts will looking at Waste Not Want Not, the Community Gardens and Holcomb Farm as part of Item 10 (Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities).
- M. Gould is in good shape with #11.
- D. Roberts will look at #4 (Vibrant Ecosystems) again, which currently has ten points.
- Item 7.1 needs to be reviewed. D. Roberts will follow up with K. McCord and Z. Donais.
- Item 6.5.4 Promoting Alternative Strategies: K. Marshall noted she reviewed the Plan of Conservation and Development which discussed sidewalks.

6. LIBRARY PROGRAM

K. Marshall attended the last program on gardening. There was an active discussion with 24 in attendance.

7. FORMATION OF AN INVASIVE SPECIES/NATIVE PLANTS ORDINANCE – Discussion postponed until next month.

8. DRUMMER ARTICLES

Jen Bell is the new editor of The Drummer. She contacted D. Roberts and asked if the articles could be cut down for space purposes. She noted there is some flexibility but asked to try for 600 words.

M. Gould will submit an article for the April edition on the pollinator pathway program and the sign contest.

9. MEETING TOPICS FOR APRIL 11, 2023

- Formation of an Invasive Species Ordinance
- Library Program Update
- Sustainable CT

Next month's agenda item on the formation of an ordinance will also be added to the May meeting to discuss 'where to go next'. The suggestion was made to consider inviting the Town Manager, the First Selectman or the Chairman of Planning and Zoning to the May meeting.

10. FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There was a brief discussion on filling the vacancy on the commission. M. Fiorentino did ask Griffin Parrow if he was interested in serving and it is something he may be interested in. D. Roberts will follow-up.

D. Desiderato inquired if at some point the Commission may want to discuss a collaboration with the Grange.

11. ADJOURN

ON A MOTION BY K. Marshall, seconded by D. Desiderato, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary