

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIA ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2023**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Roberts confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

D. Desiderato noted in section 7, cost is misspelled and there is a zero missing on \$15,000.

ON A MOTION By M. Gould, seconded by D. Desiderato, the commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 as corrected.

4. UPDATES ON SUSTAINABLE CT

D. Roberts provided the following update on Sustainable CT:

- Numbers 1, 6 and 12 are finished and have been reviewed by Jess. She agrees all 13 sections are completed. If all are scored, there will be a total of 300 points. The file is now locked.
- There was difficulty with the 'homeless' section. D. Roberts met with S. Yost to create the wording. It was not acceptable to Sustainable CT, so they suggested focusing on Item 12.2 instead.
- D. Roberts was voted onto the Stony Hill Board of Directors. Their annual meeting will be held in the Stony Hill Community Room on September 6th at 6:00 p.m. Mark Fiorentino and other members of the Board of Selectmen will attend. Commission members are welcome to attend.
- D. Roberts met with Mark Fiorentino regarding the grant for composting. M. Fiorentino asked that information regarding Blue Earth be shared with residents and the commission not go forward with the grant. In addition, he cancelled D. Robert's Sustainable CT update scheduled for Monday's Board of Selectmen Meeting but would like him to speak on how the commission obtained Sustainable CT certification at a future meeting.

5. INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE – Z. DONAIS

D. Roberts stated Z. Donais inquired about the information that was forwarded to M. Fiorentino and if the commission can move forward with an ordinance banning invasive species. K. Kane will speak to M. Fiorentino when he is back in the office to inquire if he has feedback.

6. TOWN CENTER UPDATE – K. MARSHALL

K. Marshall did not have any updates. The item will remain on the agenda moving forward.

7. COMPOSTING

- M. Gould will draft an article regarding composting for The Drummer.
- D. Roberts inquired if M. Gould was able to secure a speaker regarding composting. She has not as of yet.

8. MEETING TOPICS FOR AUGUST 8, 2023

- Composting
- Business Food Waste
- Town Center Update
- Invasive Species
- Sustainable CT

9. FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- D. Desiderato announced this Saturday is an invasive action day. The group has been girdling and killing the tree of heaven clusters at Holcomb Farm. He also noted that the spotted lantern fly has not yet been visible in the state.
- D. Roberts noted Agricultural Day is coming up next month and it would be good for commissioners to show their support.

10. ADJOURN

ON A MOTION BY M. Gould, seconded by D. Desiderato, the commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary