

**Special Meeting
Windsor Conservation Commission
Town Council Chambers and Zoom
Draft Minutes
April 29, 2025**

Present: L. Chayes, B. Robinson, T. Tomcho, C. Yeich, T. Young, J. Zepperi (arrived at 6:46 p.m.) and Ex officio, T. Sealy (Town Planner)

Absent: J. Bergeron, J. Henry, S. LeGendre, and Ex officio C. Thompson

Chair Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

Minutes

Brad motioned to accept the February 25th and March 6th meeting minutes; seconded by Lea. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Old Business

Earth Day Educational Hike – Brad reported that it was a bit of a fiasco because the town website was not updated to say that the event had been postponed because of the rain. He reported that a bunch of people showed up, many of them from the Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy. He said a bunch of people left but a bunch of people decided to go anyway despite the drizzling weather.

Collette asked who is in charge of putting the information on the website and Tammy said that they would talk about facilitating better communication at a future meeting.

Brad stated that he was communicating back and forth with Chloe and that she was able to get the updated information out on social media.

Tammy replied that it is tough on a Saturday morning and that part of it may be that the website is under construction. She thought it would be worthwhile to bring up at a future meeting.

Brad said the hike would be this Saturday, May 3rd at 10 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 4th at 2 p.m., and to bring binoculars as it is the height of migration right now.

Compost Bin Program Status – Town Planner Todd Sealy read an update from Chloe that they have ordered 75 compost bins and 50 rain barrels, and that all of the bins have been delivered. He reported that they are currently organizing how they will be distributed and what the cost would be for residents.

Leah said that she had mentioned that Mark Goosens was going to try to get some kind of discount or money from the town and she asked if that happened. Mr. Sealy said he would have to follow up with Chloe.

Commissioners were very happy to hear the update.

Lights Out Forum April 29th – Tammy stated that they are very happy to have the Lights Out Forum this evening and that the presentation would start at 7 p.m.

Bird Photo Contest – Mr. Sealy shared a flyer with the Commission and said that Chloe had requested that any minor content recommendations be made at the meeting. He shared that the town would be advertising this on Friday in preparation for the photo contest to run May 5th through May 30th. He reported that there were some prizes were left over from last year and that Colette and other commissioners had organized the rest of the prizes. He said public voting would start on June 1st.

Collette liked seeing the names of those who donated items on the flyer. She asked Mr. Sealy if he knew anything about the article that is supposed to go in the Windsor Journal and Mr. Sealy said no, but that he would follow up with Chloe and get back to her.

Purchase of Memorial Tree for Ann Beaudin – Tammy reported that they plan to purchase a memorial tree for Ann and a sign, which will be a memorial stone that Leah had been working on and has made great progress. She asked about the budget and that it would probably depend on which tree they chose.

Collette said that they would probably be looking at \$400.

Brad thought it was decided that a \$400 cypress tree was to be purchased.

Mr. Sealy reported that Chloe gave an update and said that the Department of Public Works (DPW) will potentially cover the cost of the tree and that she is waiting on confirmation for that.

Leah thought they had \$130 left in their budget and the engraver said it would be \$200 but that they would do it for them at \$150. She said someone in town had said to let them know if they needed anything and that she would approach him if they needed to. Leah stated that she had on her phone the stone and what the engraver proposes.

Tammy suggested that she send it to Chloe and that Chloe would share with the Commission when she gets back in the office.

Collette said that if they do not have to pay for the tree then they have \$530 left in their budget and will be able to cover the cost of the stone.

The Commission agreed that they would have to wait to hear back from Chloe if DPW could cover the cost of the tree.

Collette stated that should would rather see the word “Commission” spelled out on the stone and not abbreviated and Leah said that it would depend on how much money they have and that she would prefer that too.

Tammy also thought that it should be spelled out and if they needed to get donations that they can do that from people in town. She asked if the engraver needed anything.

Leah stated that she did not ask for a deposit and that she is holding onto it.

Collette asked Leah how big the stone is and she said it is about 2’x1’ and is 35 pounds. She said that she got a discount on it and that it is returnable, if needed.

They agreed that they would talk to Chloe when she gets back.

Petitions from Commissioners – None

Commission and Staff Communications

Commissioner Joseph Zeperi arrived to the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

The Commissioners talked about the bird contest flyers and how to spread the word in the community. They all stated that they would post flyers around town in different locations. Mr. Sealy said that he can print out flyers for the Commissioners to pick up in the Planning Department.

Tim mentioned that representative Jane Garibay did share the information in her monthly newsletter.

Brad reminded everyone that the Traprock people would be coming to their May meeting.

Mr. Sealy stated that the Planning Department is currently updating the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and during the month of May they will hold several focus group meetings to focus on different topics. He reported that on May 8th they will meet on cultural and historic resources. He said there will be a list of questions the consultant will go through then they will do a brief presentation, and then open it up to a community forum. He said later in the month there will be forums on subjects such as housing, transportation, open space, wildlife and quality of life as well. He said to stay tuned to the town’s social media pages and the town website.

Tim shared that House Bill 6917 is tabled for the House calendar. He stated there is also a bill going through Senate Bill #9, which deals with the coagulant rodenticide and requires an update to the POCD to expand information to include strategies responding to and related to climate change effects like increased precipitation or extreme heat. He thought Mr. Sealy and the consultants should be aware since this bill could be passed in June and take effect July 1 or October 1. Mr. Sealy replied that he was sure they would be on top of that working with their consultants and thanked him for the heads up.

Brad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Lea.
Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary