

Windsor Conservation Commission

May 27, 2025

Draft Minutes

Town Council Chambers

Present: L. Chayes, B. Robinson, T. Tomcho, C. Yeich, T. Young; ex officio C. Thompson

Absent: S. LeGendre, J. Zepperi

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tammy at 7:10 p.m.

Lea moved to approve the minutes from April 29th, seconded by Brad and accepted unanimously – 5.0.0.

Old Business

Compost Bins – Seventy-five compost bins and fifty rain barrels were purchased by the town. Advantageous price, distribution process and advertising to be determined and will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

For the Birds Contest – Colette handed over cash prizes and hand made bird house to Chloe. Entries have been received.

-Lea motioned to add **Steve Dewey from Traprock Ridge** to the agenda, seconded by Brad and passed unanimously 5.0.0.

The content of Steve's presentation included the following:

-Traprock Ridge is a land conservancy organization composed of 4 towns – Bloomfield, East Granby, West Hartford and new member, Windsor. The name is derived from the natural ridgeline (Peak Mt., Hatchett Hill, and Talcott Mt.) that borders the western edge of the towns.

-The organization is in the process of having maps drawn for each individual town and a composite including all member towns outlining open space and significant environmental areas.

-Their main mission is to promote farmland, waterways, wildlife habitats and outdoor recreation and education for the benefit of communities and future generations. They are sponsoring several conservation programs for the general public to attend.

-Traprock helped in gaining a conservation easement on the Windsor Thrall Farm – 12 acres in all and are currently working on easements on the Davis property on Stone Road.

-in addition, they will assist towns in clearing invasives, trail clearing, documenting easements, spreading the word on conservation topics, and help protect wetlands.

-The organization emphasizes a concerted effort including neighbors, community members, business owners, town leaders, organizations, etc. to get involved as a proactive unit to save open spaces, as well as obtaining grants, land donations, and easements on connecting corridors. Chloe interjected that the town is officially recording and establishing conservation easements and determining if said land is truly protected.

-Communication Planning – send ideas for the agenda directly to Tammy prior to the next meeting. Public outreach via news/website written articles will be discussed at the next meeting.

-Partnerships and Collaboration – Ideas for liaisons with other organizations to be discussed – the Garden Club is a natural partner. Due to the presentation tonight, land easements will be a topic at the next meeting.

-The next Clean Up will be held on Sunday, June 22nd at 2 p.m. – Rain date June 29th. Please mark your calendars.

-Trail Talks - Brad will continue his “Trail” series and will be leading a walk at Mill Brook on June 7th beginning at 9:30 am. On June 28th, he will lead a trail walk at Matianuck State Park. Meet at the commuter parking lot.

-CACIWIC – access the site to see the tribute to Ann Beaudin, the former WCC Chair. They are offering a scholarship in her name. Lea will monitor the site and keep us informed of new developments.

-Honorarium – Lea has taken the responsibility having the stone, in honor of Ann, engraved. Brad motioned to expend no more than \$300 on the engraving, seconded by Tim, passed unanimously-5.0.0.

Brad moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Lea.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Yeich, Secretary