

Conservation Commission
Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 7:30 PM
Town Campus, Room D

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

1. Attendance

Members Present: Heather Crawford, Alex Cushing

Members Absent: Christine Bouchard, Sufia Uddin

Also Present: Erin Mannix, Maryclaire Pantano, Aubri Barone, Breanna Colonese-DiBello, Maia Minto

Memembership did not meet quorum, but there was unofficial discussion starting at 7:35PM.

2. Approval of minutes from May 25, 2023

Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum. Tabled to next meeting.

3. Chair's comments

Chair Crawford welcomed the new interns.

4. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

Old Business

5. Summer Intern Update

The interns each introduced themselves and discussed their interests and proposed projects for the summer. Maia Minto is interested in working on the Sustainable CT application and septic system education. Breanna Colonese-DiBello is working on pollinator pathway signage and the Natural Resource Inventory and possibly the longitudinal marsh study application. Maryclaire Pantano is interested in creating education programs about light pollution. Aubri Barone is interested in deforestation and impacts of climate change and invasive species.

6. Sustainable CT update

With Maia's help, Town Planner Erin Mannix is optimistic that we can submit an application for at least Bronze in August.

7. POCD update

Town Planner Mannix thanked the commission for their input on the natural environment half of the Plan and said the input had been included in the draft. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be moving on to the built environment portion of the plan at their next meeting and asked for further input.

New Business

8. Discuss suggestion for toxic trap education

Tabled as the member of the public who suggested the idea was not able to attend.

REMARKS

9. Town Planner's Comments

Town Planner Mannix provided brief updates on various applications and town projects.

10. Chair's comments

Chair Crawford again welcomed the interns and looked forward to a productive summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.