

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Frost, Owen, Finco
Staff: Allen

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 6, 2017

Motion by Frost, seconded by Owen, so voted unanimously

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To elect Brae Rafferty as Chairman of the Conservation Commission

Motion made by Frost, seconded by Owen, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To elect Chad Frost as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission

Motion made by Rafferty, seconded by Owen, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To elect Jessica Owen as Secretary of the Conservation Commission

Motion made by Frost, seconded by Rafferty, so voted unanimously

2. Conservation Plan Review

As it was her first meeting, Ms. Finco was brought up to date as to the recent work and efforts of the Conservation Commission, including a rewriting of the Town's Plan of Conservation and an accounting, categorization, and assessment of open space and conservation easements in the Town. Next steps for these initiatives were discussed.

A list of properties in Town desired to be acquired for open space was distributed and discussed. It was noted that the list needs to be updated because some of the highlighted properties are not available. It was also noted that care should be taken so as to prevent property owners from knowing their property is on the list. The concern was that a property owner might leverage this knowledge to increase the price of their property.

Ms. Owen's prior experience in the categorization of open space was discussed. Ms. Owen offered that she could provide materials from previous work to help the Commission categorize the Town's open space.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty discussed volunteering efforts the Commission has been involved in in the past, including assisting with a household waste collection day and a litter clean up. Staff was asked to inquire as to whether the Commission's help would be needed in such activities this year.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff informed the Commission that this year's CT Trails Day will be June 3rd. A hike at Copp Park has been registered with the CT Forest & Park Association.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Prepared by Matthew T. Allen, Planner