



**Coventry Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2023
Conference Room B**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Chair Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Other members present were Art Hall, Vincent Messino, Paul Manzone, Brian Coss, and Jamie Coss. Melinda Gosselin, Town Wetlands Agent also attended.

2. Secretary's Report

- Art moved to approve the minutes of December 7th, 2022. Paul seconded the motion, all were in favor

3. Financial Report

- The Commission has \$1,454.92 left in its budget for FY 22-23.
- Leroy is going to walk Patriots Park Woods to take photos of the maintenance items needed for the trail, and Mindy is going to get a quote for an aluminum bridge at the Williams Preserve so that the commission can determine the figure they want to request for the next fiscal year's budget.

4. Audience of Citizens

None

5. Site Plan/Town Referral

None

6. New Business

- State Mandated Sexual Harassment Training- All members must complete the training by March 31st.
- Commission Vacancy Announcement- A joint announcement for the open positions on the Conservation Commission and the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee will be added to the town website, the Town Manager's Facebook page, and the next town newsletter.
- Mindy forwarded an update from the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee to the Conservation Commission. The email contained mowing schedules for Williams Preserve and South River Road Preserve, and asked to discuss budget support from the Conservation Commission to the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee, as the PSSC does not have a budget.

7. Old Business

- Williams Preserve/Rose property Management Plan – Leroy is still awaiting a completed proposal from Rob Guliano and Eagle Scout Anthony Guliano for a wood bridge at the stream crossing at this site. Jamie asked that Mindy and Eric Thomas procure a quote for an aluminum bridge, so that the commission has a figure to use for budget discussions in case the wood bridge quote is not provided soon enough.
- Adopt a Road Program & Nip Bottle Surcharge – Mindy advised that there is a SustainableCT Webinar at 10am on 1/20/2023 where towns that have already used funding will provide information on the projects they funded with their grants. She also provided a draft of the menu that she will provide to the Town Council with different possible projects and pricing. Paul will reach out to other towns for additional ideas as well. Lastly, Mindy is reaching out to Live Green CT regarding recycling signs that they have provided to package stores in other towns.

8. Members Forum

9. Communications

10. Adjournment

Leroy moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian Coss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Coss