



BURLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Jackie Shadford called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present: Jackie Shadford, Tom Finan, Vince Lambri (Off site via phone at 7:27), Tom Roberge, Amelia Kearney, Jackie Shadford, John Hebert and Richard Miller.

2. Accept Minutes: Motion made (Roberge) and seconded (Kearney) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024. Miller and Hebert abstained.

3. Citizen's Comments: None

4. Upcoming Conferences: Finan reported the following conservation-related conferences: Neonics, The New DDT on March 3/11/24 and CT Land Conservation Council (CLCC) on 3/23/24. Several members plan to attend the CLCC at their own expense.

Members are encouraged to inform CC members of upcoming conferences either by email or at meetings to allow members the opportunity to attend.

5. Update on CLCC Winter 2024 Conference: Lambri attended and reported that info presented was land trust related on funding for land acquisition.

6. Update on PA 490 Presentation: Lambri met with First Selectman Thompson concerning the presentation of PA 490 for Open Space Designation to BOS. Thompson noted the BOS are presently busy and he will contact Vince when a time is available.

7. Guest Speaker: Jon Crane presented his thoughts and information on several areas in Burlington of conservation importance. Areas of conservation importance included stone walls, meadows, cemeteries, areas with scenic views, barns, and areas of historical significance.

Crane also reported that a 5.9 acre lot on Jerome Ave is being sold by the Town that abuts land owned by the Environmental Learning Center of CT associated with The Barnes Nature Center. A business is considering purchasing the parcel. Consensus was to request the BOS to consider holding off on the sale to allow enough time for a conservation-oriented organizations to deliberate on whether to purchase of the property. The 5.9 acre lot is currently zoned industrial and cannot be used for residential.

8. Discussion on March Guest Speaker: Shadford proposed that Mary Rydingsward from Pequabuck River Watershed Assoc present information on watersheds in April. Motion for Rydingsward to present in April by Shadford, second Hebert. Motion passed.

9. Earth Day Clean-up Update: Lambri reports the town will help finance with a \$1,500 allocation from the Nip fund.

J.P. Parente has developed FB information on the Earth Day Community Clean-up on Saturday April 20, 2024 from 9am-1pm. Sign-up available for volunteers. Post activity will be at the Whigville Grange 1-3pm will also include a Food Truck and music.

10. Old Business: Goals - Discussion included areas to identify for open space; conservation related aspects in JMP such as tree ID, community gardens, wildflower fields; provide conservation information to residents through speakers, Facebook, and town website. Kearney will contact Eco Action club at LMS. Other areas of interest include help to educate residents the town's responsibilities related to MS-4. settlement.

Shadford requested CC members decide what goal project they would like to take on as an individual of the group and report back at next months meeting.

11. Adjourn: Motion made second and passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 pm Miller/Hebert.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2024, 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Finan, Secretary