

Woodstock Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom virtual meeting

Members present – C. Adams, B. Bernard, G. Jacobson, J. Pillo, M. Robie, R. Senkowski, J. Stern & L. Wesler

Members absent – L. Davidson

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.**
- 2. Seating of alternates** – None
- 3. Public participation*** – D. Adiletta from OSLA&APC spoke of the plan to purchase PDR rights for Maplecrest Farm and explained to us that she would like our backing for this purchase which she needs to bring to the Selectmen's meeting which then needs to go to a town wide vote. As a group we saluted the efforts to back this purchase and all efforts made by OSLA to this end and passed a vote by us, motioned by J. Pillo, seconded by C. Adams and all in favor.
- 4. Approval/Amendment of minutes** – R. Senkowski motioned, G. Jacobson seconded, M. Robie abstained, all in favor.
- 5. Chairperson's report** – L. Wesler reiterated he would resend proposal made by J. Pillo last month in reference to Senexet Rd. property.
- 6. Treasurer's Report** – Budget \$1,914.00 and special revenue \$2,161.10
- 7. Communications** – Letter from Aquarian requesting nominations, copy of CT Wildlife, erroneous solicitation letter which was dismissed and a Guide to Farm Fresh Foods which will be available on our website as well as the Town website.
- 8. Old Business:**
 - a. DRC Report – No meeting.
 - b. OSLA&APC – As reported above by D. Adiletta.
 - c. P&Z report – No meeting minutes received other than an email stating that the discussion on the gas station on Rt. 169 will be continued until on of the September meetings.
 - d. Ag Commission – No meeting held.
 - e. Stewardship – R. Senkowski reported that they are trying to secure a date to explore one of the properties and B. Bernard is in talks with volunteers on the Darby property.
 - f. Pollinator Pathway Project –J. Pillo is offering a Walktober event on her property October 3rd and is encouraging people to take part, also sending copy of video to Celebrating Ag committee for submission on this subject.
 - g. Sustainable CT. – C. Adams a meeting will be this Friday, contact her if you wish to participate.
- 9. New Business:**
 - a. Notice/review of past /upcoming workshops – Natchaug Watershed Plan meeting on 8/25/20 at 6:30 or 8/26/20 anyone interested in attending contact J. Pillo. CLCC virtual meeting will be Saturday, Oct.17, 2020. One day COVERTS workshop to be held at Sessions Woods WMA on Sept 18th.
 - b. Open Discussion – M. Robie attended a very informative workshop hosted by New Roxbury Land Trust and wanted to note that Turtle Crossing signs had been successfully posted by the Road department and believed to be effective in helping to protect several turtle species found here in Woodstock from signs designed by

resident P. Coughlin. C. Adams told us that J. Filchek, from NECCOG is looking for a volunteer to become a Drought Coordinator for the town of Woodstock.

The link for the recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/oZDjuFqvAHg>

10. Adjournment – 8:07pm motioned by J. Pillo seconded by J. Stern, all in favor.

- This item was left off the agenda items for this meeting originally.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments. Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, WCC Secretary