

Bethany Conservation Commission

January 14th, 2021

Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Bruce Loomis called the meeting to order at 8:10pm. Also in attendance were Brian Eitzer, Patsy Winer, and Matthew Popp. Alison Beres-Nork and Robert Huxley were absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Patsy moved to accept them and Matt seconded. Patsy mentioned that in the 5th paragraph "whom" should be changed to "who", and that in the 7th paragraph there should be a semi-colon after "Land Acquisition Fund". The minutes were accepted as corrected.

The only piece of correspondence was the fall edition of "CT Wildlife". There were no bills.

The Commission discussed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Bruce mentioned that we should reapply for the funds that were granted to us last year, to use for the mapping needed to update the section of the Bethany Plan of Conservation and Development that the Commission is responsible for. The Commission agreed to ask for the appropriation, totaling \$1200, again since we did not get a chance to use it due to the complications brought on by the pandemic. The Commission decided to ask the town for the usual \$500 operating budget. We also

agreed to ask that \$100,000 be allotted to the Land Acquisition Fund and discussed writing a plea to the town regarding the importance of appropriating money to that fund and how vital it is to help preserve Bethany's rural character.

Patsy brought up the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM), and the issue of trash management in town. The Commission discussed the topic.

The Commission discussed its membership and those members whose terms are up for renewal this summer.

The Commission discussed a property that was recently bought by a developer and is no longer on the Open Space Watch List. That property is 428 Bethmour Rd. We will be on the lookout for the coming development application.

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting, Patsy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Popp

Secretary pro-tempore

