

**TOWN OF HADDAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441
WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2022
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

X	Mardi Hanson-d'Alessandro
X	Gail Reynolds, Chairman
A	Tom Worthley
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Reynolds, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mardi Hanson motioned to approve the 31 August 2022 agenda as submitted. Gail Reynolds second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mardi Hanson motioned to approve the 29 June 2022 and 27 July 2022 minutes as submitted. Gail Reynolds second. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments

There was no one from the public present.

6. Old Business

a) Higganum Center Trails/Walking Path

There was nothing new to report in regard to the trails/walking path.

Swan Hill – Mrs. Reynolds reported the flat area on Swan Hill is being taken over by Japanese Barberry.

b) Open Space

There was nothing new to report.

c) Budget

Mrs. Reynolds reported the following: Conservation Activities - \$1,000 and Salmon River Watershed - \$1,000. Mrs. Reynolds asked Mrs. Batzner if Bill Warner, Town Planner, had renewed the Commission's membership to CACIWC. Mrs. Batzner will check with Mr. Warner.

d) POCD

Mrs. Reynolds asked when the next PIC meeting will be held. Mrs. Batzner stated a new meeting has not been scheduled.

e) Native Plant Ordinance – Review Draft Language – Update

Mrs. Reynolds reported she has not worked on the language recently. Mrs. Reynolds stated she had attended the Higganum Cove Committee's June meeting as she's concerned about what will be planted on the site. Mrs. Reynolds also stated she advised the Committee of existing plant types at the Cove.

f) Swan Hill – Management Plan – Student Fellow - Update

Mrs. Reynolds reported that Mr. Worthley had indicated he will provide an update after Labor Day.

7. New Business

a) Communications/Publications/Correspondence

Salmon River Watershed Annual Newsletter – Mrs. Batzner distributed copies of the newsletter. Mrs. Reynolds stated Pat Young is a very good project manager and does a great job with the newsletter!

Drought Conditions - Ms. Hanson spoke in regard some Middlefield residents being without water and some having their wells re-drilled. A brief discussion followed.

b) Haddam Neck Fair

Mrs. Reynolds reported the Haddam Land Trust (HLT) will not have a booth at the fair this year; however, the Master Gardeners and Master Composters will be located in the Education Building.

8. Land Use Dept. Report

Mrs. Batzner reported things have been quiet over the summer. **Farmers' Market** – Closed will be closed Friday, 2 September 2022, but will resume on Friday, 9 September 2022. **River Days and Fireworks** – Saturday, 1 October 2022, Haddam Meadows, 5:00 p.m. with fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, 2 October 2022.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Mardi Hanson motioned to adjourn. Gail Reynolds second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Hall Batzner
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Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 September 2022, at the
Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum.**