

**TOWN OF HADDAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441
WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

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

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Reynolds, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Tom Worthley motioned to approve the 28 September 2022 agenda as submitted. Gail Reynolds second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Tom Worthley motioned to approve the 31 August 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.

b) Open Space

Mrs. Reynolds reported there's a tax sale for a 10 acre parcel on Route 154 in Tylerville that the Haddam Land Trust (HLT) will submit a bid on. The tax sale will take place next week.

c) Budget

Mrs. Reynolds reported there is \$1,000.00 for Conservation Activities and \$1,000.00 for the Salmon River Watershed. Mrs. Reynolds also reported she does attend the Salmon River Commission meetings. Mr. Worthley noted the Commission also receives the Salmon River Watershed's newsletter. Mrs. Reynolds asked the Commission to contemplate how they would like to spend funding from the Activities line item.

d) POCD

There was nothing new to report.

e) Native Plant Ordinance – Review Draft Language – Update

There was nothing new to report.

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

Mr. Worthley stated once he finishes the report, he will submitted it. Mr. Worthley also stated Bill Cowan, President, HLT, has asked about the report and is aware of its status.

7. New Business

a) Communications/Publications/Correspondence

There were no communications, publications, or correspondence.

**b) Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC)
45th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Saturday, 29 October 2022**

Mrs. Batzner distributed copies of the registration form. Mrs. Reynolds stated it appears as if there will be some good presentations.

2022-2023 Membership Dues

Mrs. Batzner reported she had contacted Bill Warner, Town Planner, regarding the status of the Commission's membership and he believes it is paid. Mrs. Reynolds stated she believes membership runs by fiscal year and she will check to see if the town is current with their membership.

**c) River Days – Saturday, 1 October 2022, Haddam Meadows, 5:00 p.m. – Fireworks – 8:30 p.m.
approximate – Rain Date: Sunday, 2 October 2022**

Informational purposes only.

d) 26 October 2022 Meeting – Change of Location – Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive

Due to Grim's Haunted House using the Community Center for their spooktacular Halloween event, the Commission will hold their October meeting at the Town Hall.

**e) Grim's Haunted House - Friday-Sunday, 28-30 October 2022, Community Center,
7 Candlewood Hill**

Informational purposes only.

f) Fall Festival – Saturday, 29 October 2022

Tractor Parade – Mrs. Batzner report Mark Lundgren has organized this event which will start at St. Peter's Church parking lot, run down Candlewood Hill, up Route 81 turning around in the area of the reservoir parking area, back down Route 81 to Route 154 and Candlewood Hill Road.

Concert at the Gazebo – Rockland – 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Mrs. Batzner reported Mr. Lundgren arranged for the band to be at the gazebo. EDC sponsored.

Kids Fair – Sponsored by Haddam Women's Club – Informational purposes only.

Trunk or Treat – This is part of Grim's Haunted House.

8. Land Use Dept. Report

Mrs. Batzner reported on the following: **P&Z** – On Thursday, 15 September 2022, Mr. Warner gave a presentation on affordable housing. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) also heard this presentation earlier in the week and approved the plan. A hearing regarding a special permit to allow adaptive re-use of a historic building, Scovil Hoe, will be held on Thursday, 6 October 2022. **Wetlands** – Approved a permit for a culvert and driveway at 153 Silver Spring Drive. **ZBA** – Will be meeting 29 September 2022 to hear a request for a front yard variance to construct a detached garage at 493 Little City Road. **Cove** – Will meet again on Thursday, 13 October 2022, to continue their discussion on improvements to the Cove. Discussion followed regarding the removal of the graffiti, the installation of the sign, benches, and picnic table, and the clearing/mowing of the site and the kayak area. Mr. Worthley suggested allowing someone to rent canoes/kayaks and then there would be someone consistently on the site.

New Forester for Cockaponset State Forest

Mr. Worthley reported that Alex Amendola is the new forester for Cockaponset.

Conservation Commission Membership

Mr. Worthley and Mrs. Reynolds discussed the need to look for new members.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Tom Worthley motioned to adjourn. Gail Reynolds second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Hall Batzner
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Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26 October 2022.

Please note change in meeting location for October only:

Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam.