

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
ONLINE VIA GOTOMEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2021  
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

**ATTENDANCE**

X	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 7:05 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Tom Worthley motioned to approve the 28 April 2021 agenda as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Correction to the 27 January 2021 minutes: page 1, Attendance – change absence designation for Tom Worthley as he was in attendance.

**MOTION:** Gail Reynolds motioned to approve the 27 January 2021 minutes as amended. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recording Clerk's Note:** Meetings for 24 February 2021 and 31 March 2021 were cancelled.

**5. Public Comments**

There was no one from the public present.

**6. Old Business**

**a) Higganum Center Trails/Walking Path**

In regard to the trails and walking path, there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Drainage Work - High Street and Dublin Hill (Higganum Cove)** – Mrs. Reynolds reported that Public Works is installing storm drainage and some of the drainage from Dublin Hill is being directed toward Higganum Cove. Peter Baird has sent an email to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) regarding this matter. Mr. McGarry has responded that it's a work in progress. Mrs. Reynolds stated she is only reporting the matter and has no opinion one way or another. Later in the meeting discussion return to this topic. Mrs. Batzner stated both roads are to be repaved; and prior to that work taking place, Public Works wanted to install proper drainage. Mrs. Batzner also stated that the town engineer reviewed the sites.

**b) Open Space**

In regard to open space, there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Higganum Cove** - Mrs. Reynolds stated it is her opinion that due to the activities that are taking place on the site (graffiti, swimming, etc.), it's best that the Haddam Land Trust (HLT) did not acquire the Cove due to the potential liability (insurance quite costly).

### **c) Budget**

**Fiscal Year 2021-2022** - Mrs. Reynolds reported due to the pandemic and the inability to promote/work on projects or attend conferences, she had not submitted a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **d) POCD – Conservation Action Items – Discussion Continued – Commission Report**

Mrs. Reynolds reported due to the pandemic, Action Items within the POCD cannot be worked on.

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Reappointment and Resignation**

Mrs. Reynolds reported on the following: **Resignation** - Walter Bragoni has resigned and that he had been with the Commission for a number of years. Thank you, Walter! **Reappointment** - Tom Worthley has agreed to another three-year appointment and a letter requesting reappointment has been sent to the Board of Selectmen.

### **b) Communications/Publications/Correspondence**

No communications, publications, or correspondence had been received.

Mrs. Reynolds reported she had received an email from Bill Warner, Town Planner, in regard to the Commission reviewing an application, but the application was withdrawn.

Ms. Hanson asked Mrs. Reynolds to summarize the presentation made by Janet Brooks. Mrs. Reynolds stated Attorney Brooks was offering training for those who might be interested in becoming wetlands commissioners.

## **8. Land Use Dept. Report**

**Meetings - P&Z** – Goodspeed Tattoo – Text amendment and site plan approved. Multi-family housing application to be heard, Thursday, 20 May 2021. **Wetlands** – Installation of an EZ Dock approved at Chatham Lake for a private property owner. **EDC** – The Farmers' Market will open Friday, 4 June 2021, at HES.

**In-Person Meeting** – The Commission discussed meeting in-person again and all were agreeable. Mrs. Batzner will email the first selectman's office to confirm availability of meeting site.

## **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mardi Hanson motioned to adjourn. Tom Worthley second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Bunny Hall Batzner*  
Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26 May 2021 and will be held in-person at the Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum, CT.**