

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441  
WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2022  
APPROVED MINUTES  
*Approved as Submitted at the 31 August 2022 Meeting***

**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 7:14 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Gail Reynolds motioned to approve the 29 June 2022 agenda as submitted. Mardi Hanson second. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Gail Reynolds motioned to approve the 27 April 2022 minutes as submitted. Mardi Hanson 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 someone has contacted Bill Cowan, President, Haddam Land Trust (HLT) about 17 acres in the northwest portion of the town that backs up to the Durham town line. A site walk has not been conducted.

**c) Budget**

Mrs. Reynolds reported the Commission has \$1,000 in their budget for the new fiscal year.

**d) POCD**

**PIC Meeting, Monday, 6 June 2022 – Update** - Mrs. Reynolds reported by the time she arrived at the meeting, thought it started at 7:00 p.m., the meeting was already over. The next meeting of the PIC will be Monday, August 2022, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam.

**Conservation Action Items – Discussion** – No discussion.

**e) Native Plant Ordinance – Review Draft Language – Update**

There was nothing new to report.

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

As Mr. Worthley was not in attendance, there was no report.

**7. New Business**

**a) Communications/Publications/Correspondence**

No communications, publications, or correspondence had been received.

**Higganum Cove Committee** – Mrs. Reynolds reported the committee will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, 30 June 2022, 6:00 p.m., Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum. Mrs. Reynolds stated she believes the site should be left in its native state and would like to attend the meeting to voice her opinion (does not want a lawn on the site). Mrs. Reynolds stated Bill Kinney, a wetlands scientist, planted what's onsite in 2017-2018. Ms. Hanson stated if the site is fussed with too much, there will be a need for maintenance. Mrs. Reynolds stated maintenance needs to occur on the site due to vandalism (graffiti). Mrs. Batzner noted that Susan Bransfield, former first selectman of the Town of Portland, will be present to discuss on how Portland's Brownstone Park came to be.

**8. Announcements**

**a) Farmers' Market – Open Every Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the exception of August and September**

**9. Land Use Dept. Report**

Mrs. Batzner reported the town has purchased equipment that will allow for hybrid meetings to be conducted. A training session was held on Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

**10. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bunny Hall Batzner*

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Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 July 2022, at the**

**Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum.**