

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIA ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

PRESENT: David Roberts, Chairman; David Desiderato, Mindy Gould, Kara Marshall, Zachary Donais

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Roberts confirmed a quorum and called the meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

D. Desiderato noted that under 'Final Comments from the Commissioners' he stated the spotted lantern fly had not yet been seen in Granby. The minutes noted he said it had not yet been seen in the State.

ON A MOTION By D. Desiderato, seconded by M. Gould, the commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to approve the minutes as corrected. It should be noted that K. Marshall arrived after approval of the minutes.

ON A MOTION BY D. Desiderato, seconded by M. Gould, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to add the following items under final comments from commissioners:

- Granby Conservation Commission Webpage
- Status of Commission Yard Signs
- Upcoming Stony Hill Village Community Service Day

4. COMPOSTING

M. Gould spoke to Sam King who reported 15 residents have signed up for Blue Earth. (Fifty are needed for Blue Earth to come to Granby). He informed her that Rocky Hill obtained a grant, and he would forward a draft of the contract they used to M. Gould. K. Marshall suggested contacting apartment complexes in town.

Z. Donais spoke to a Waste Management Engineer at DEEP to see if he would be able to come to an upcoming meeting to speak on alternatives to composting besides Blue Earth. M. Gould will contact Sam King for an update on the number of residents who have signed up.

5. BUSINESS FOOD WASTE

M. Gould contacted the Farmington Valley Health District and has not yet received a call back.

6. TOWN CENTER UPDATE – Kara Marshall had nothing to report at this time.

D. Roberts reported Stony Hill Village will hold a community service day on October 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He noted the property is important to the town center.

7. INVASIVE SPECIES

Prior to the meeting, Z. Donais forwarded an email to members regarding the proposed location and wording of the native/invasive regulation the Commission developed. Z. Donis and D. Desiderato met with Abby Kenyon a few weeks ago. She agreed to add wording regarding unwanted plants to Landscape Treatment under Section 4 Site Plans of the Zoning Regulations. He asked the Commission for their comments and suggestions regarding the proposed statement and would like to vote to approve their final recommendation to forward to Planning and Zoning. On a Motion by Z. Donais, seconded by K. Marshall, the commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to forward a statement regarding Native and Invasive Plants to A. Kenyon and the Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

8. SUSTAINABLE CT

An award ceremony will be held on October 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the American Mural Project in Winsted. The event is free, but attendance is limited.

M. Fiorentino would like the Commission to provide a presentation at an upcoming BOS meeting once Sustainable CT status is awarded.

9. MEETING TOPICS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023

- Composting
- Business Food Waste
- Invasives
- Sustainable CT
- Webpage
- Meeting dates for next Calendar Year

D. Roberts noted K. McCord is unable to meet on Tuesdays for the fall. After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep the Tuesday meeting time slot during this period of time.

10. FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- There are approximately 15 pollinator yard signs left. D. Desiderato will write an article for the next Drummer article. He will provide his email address for individuals who would like a sign and will also give credit to the artist who created the design.
- D. Desiderato will go through previous Drummer articles for the purpose of adding a link to them on the commission's page on the Town website.
- D. Desiderato asked to be informed when the invasives discussion will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Z. Donais noted the Friends of the Granby Wildflower Meadow will be selling wildflower seed packets at Maple View Farm on Open Farm Day.

11. ADJOURN

ON A MOTION By K. Marshall, seconded by D. Desiderato, the Conservation Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary