Town of East Windsor Conservation Commission Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2021 Location: Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER ZOOM meeting 7:362pm
- II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
 - Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Kurt Kebschull, Fran neill Town Planner Clark Chapin Absent: Fran Neill Public: Tim Moore

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve minutes of 3-25-21 made by Kurt Kebschull, 2nd Albert Grant Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public outreach letter.

Continuing discussion. Possible literature to hand out. Joint effort by members.

Discussed format, possibilities: survey, methods of preserving open space, editorial.

How much open space lost in last 50 years? Some should be open to general public.

Targeted to building open space fund. Clark Chapin reported that subdivision fees for open space has been \$2,000. This has been unfair to the Town. Or 10% of appraised value prior to being subdivided. Planning and zoning possibly rewrite regulations on this. It remains as still either right now.

Open space doesn't cost town in services. Real estate taxes on residential properties doesn't begin to cover the cost of services for them. Clark Chapin said the CT Farmland Trust has info on the numbers.

2. Open Space PA490 Ordinance Status.

Have not heard about the status. In hands of Board of Selectmen.

Planning and Zoning commission preferred to limit ordinance to just agricultural and residential zones, not commercial or industrial.

3. Letter to Solar Siting Council.

Are we still considering this? Difficult to devote time to this.

4. POCD Action

Participants: Planning and Zoning, Economic Development Commission. Conservation Commission, Albert Grant would like to participate as time allows. The conservation commission has done a good job in implementing many items already.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a. General Discussion.

6. REPORTS OF STAFF VIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7. ADJOURMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Kurt Kebschull, 2nd by Albert Grant

Meeting adjourned 8:59

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant