

**Town of East Windsor
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Location:

Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – ZOOM meeting 7:40

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Kurt Kebschull, Fran Neill

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve minutes of 5-27-21 made by Kurt Kebschull, 2nd Albert Grant
Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Space PA490 Ordinance Status.

No news. Need to see where it stands with the Board of Selectmen

2. Open Space Fund

Discussion.

3. Article about Open Space Fund for Town Newsletter already appeared

4. Public outreach literature

Discussion.

2 pronged.

1.Outreach to residents to educate on need to preserve farmland. Discussion
regarding presentation and content ideas. Look for what other Towns are doing.

2. Outreach to landowners to see if there is interest in preserving their property.

Albert Grant presented a draft letter to landowners. We will work on expanding and enhancing it. Perhaps include a picture of farmland.

We will target Sept. for the mailing.

5. POCD Implementation Committee

No new meetings have been held.

6. POCD Action

The POCD Action states the Town needs to preserve more farmland. Riverbend property has been preserved (2018) since the POCD was written.

What is needed are property owners willing to preserve.

Discussion on need to revisit the inventory of farm parcels and eliminate ones no longer available. Our next meeting will be an in-person meeting and we can use the maps.

7. Letter to Solar Siting Council and Senator Saud Anwar regarding prime farm soil.

Ongoing discussion that we need to work on a letter. East Windsor has farmland that needs to be preserved. Our priority would be farmland used first for farms, second for solar, third housing.

VII. Correspondence

1. Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England _Online Registry
2. Aquarion Water company/Aquarion Environmental champion Awards.

Neither item requires our attention.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- 1) General Discussion – Return to in-person meetings/ July 1, 2021.

IX. REPORTS OF STAFF

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

XI. ADJOURMENT

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

Meeting adjourned 8:42

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant