

**Town of East Windsor
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Location:

Town Hall Rye St. And Zoom meeting

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:47pm

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Fran Neill, Kurt Kebschull via Zoom,
First Selectman Jason Bowsza and Selectman Alan Baker

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for June 23, 2022 Motion made by Fran Neill to approve minutes. 2nd
Albert Grant. Minutes approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Kurt reported that Anne Marie Kebschull is helping to create a trifold document from our article. She wants to be sure that nothing we give her for graphics or photos is copyrighted.

Albert Grant moved First Selectman Jason Bowsza to the top of the agenda to speak to us about the Open Space Fund.

Selectman Bowsza advised the Commission on the procedures for having an item on the ballot in November. There are many steps that must be taken and a statutory deadline. Discussed an advisory question, non-binding.

The selectmen have proposed an appropriation of \$150,000 to the East Windsor Open Space Fund. Combined with the present balance, that should restore the fund to where it

was previous to the last expenditure made to help preserve Riverbend Farm via the State purchase of development rights.

We were advised that if we were to put in a budget request, it should be around Thanksgiving time, for an appropriation for the Open Space Fund in the operating budget, with a transfer to the Capitol Non-Recurring fund (in May), or wherever the Open Space fund is.

We were also advised to attend the Board of Finance meeting on August 17, 2022 when the \$150,000 appropriation to the Open Space Fund will be discussed. We should also submit our article to be included in the packets for the members of the BOF. If approved it would go to a Town meeting.

The farm rental on Town property on Melrose Road was stymied by the State's need to have the Army Corps of Engineers create a plan for the property since a State grant was involved.

There may be an interest by the Audubon Society to create a bird sanctuary there.

Explanation of why we may have a need to have an executive session at times to discuss real estate. There are no notes or record of what is discussed at executive sessions.

The Commission thanked Selectmen Bowsza and Baker for coming to the meeting.

Old business regarding agenda item 2: Properties that might qualify for RCP, targeting for letter, was tabled.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion.

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

VIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2nd Fran Neill. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary

