

**Town of East Windsor  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Location:

Town Hall Rye St.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:41pm

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Fran Neill, Danielle Miller  
Kurt Kebschull via Zoom unable to attend due to Zoom not enabled as Danielle Miller was late due to participation in Haunted Highway event.

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

Election of officers for 2023

2023 Commission operating budget request to the Town

Budget line item request for Open Space Fund

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes for Sept. 22, 2022  
Motion made by Fran Neill to approve minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Albert Grant. Minutes approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Meeting schedule for 2023**

Motion made by Fran Neill to approve Meeting Schedule for 2023. Albert Grant 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Schedule discussed. Approved to keep schedule as is.

**2. Election of officers for 2023**

Fran Neill made a motion to re-elect present slate of officers, Albert Grant, Chairman and Donna Grant, Recording Secretary for 2023. Motion approved.

**3. Operating budget for 2023**

Commission agreed to request \$1,250 in the town's operating budget for 2023 to accommodate printing and postage of brochures and outreach, and recording secretarial fee for 2023.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Outreach letter and tri-fold brochure development

Edits made by Donna Grant were briefly reviewed as Fran Neill needed to leave the meeting and we were unable to communicate with Kurt Kebschull as Zoom wasn't enabled.

### 2. Budget Line Item for Open Space Fund

The Commission agreed to submit a request for an Open Space Fund line item in the Town Budget for 2023 to build the Open Space Fund on a continuing basis. The amount we request is \$50,000. The rationale is that it requires approximately \$225,000 from the Town, as well as a Development Rights Grant from the State to consummate a conservation easement on a property of approximately 100 acres of farmland. It would take several years to accumulate enough in the Fund to replenish it should the current Fund be spent. The small amounts added to the fund through subdivision "set asides" are not enough to accumulate adequate funds.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

## VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

## IX. REPORTS OF STAFF

## X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 1. Inventory of Properties.

Tabled.

## XII. ADJOURMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Grant. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary