

**Town of East Windsor
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Location:

Town Hall Rye St. and Zoom

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:45

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Kurt Kebschull via Zoom
Danielle Miller

IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes for October 27, 2022
Motion made by Albert Grant to approve minutes. 2nd Donna Grant. Minutes approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of PA 490 for Open Space

There is some confusion about whether or not it is advisable for a benefit in some circumstances. The PA 490 Ordinance says a property is reduced to 25% of the value of excess acreage. Albert Grant will speak to Helen Totz for some clarification on in what circumstance it would be more beneficial to the property owner to leave the property as excess acreage rather than apply for PA490 on it.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Outreach letter and tri-fold brochure development

We would like to continue to work with Anne Marie Kebschull to complete the edits on the brochure. Danielle Miller advised us to ask Melissa LaBelle or Jen in the Selectmen's office about the possibility of making a limited number of copies.

2. Budget Line Item for Open Space Fund

We are unable to make a line item request this year as it has been decided to keep the budget the same as last year.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

X. REPORTS OF STAFF

The Commission was copied on an email reply from Ruthanne Calabrese to Debra McCarthy Executive Assistant to Undersecretary Martin Heft at the Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division Office of Policy and Management. They requested a copy of the relevant sections of E.W.'s POCD that showed open space strategies and the local ordinance. It was discussed and noted that we did not have to take any action..

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Inventory of Properties

We had planned to review properties in town for the inventory of parcels in the over 30 acres category and the under 30 acres category. The inventory needs to be updated and we need to review the criteria for ranking the properties. We are unsure about how to do this since one of the commissioners attends by Zoom and we would need to use the screen and GIS to do the review.

Danielle suggested we ask Helen Totz if she is able to sort properties by criteria and print out lists.

We briefly looked at the paper copy of the NRCS map

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2nd Donna Grant. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary