

**Town of East Windsor
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Location:

Town Hall Rye St.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:39

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes for 4-27-23

Motion made by Fran Neill to approve minutes. 2nd. Albert Grant. Minutes for 4-27-23 were approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

At the April meeting it was discussed about looking into the POCD action items for the Conservation Commission. To discuss at May meeting.

POCD action items were provided by Danielle Boudreau and POCD was also referred to.

2 attachments.

It was noted that;

Of particular interest;

Action: "Continue to Develop an Open Space Preservation Program", stated "The Open Space Program should propose annual funding and acquisition of specific bonding to fund the priority acquisitions identified by the Program."

Action: "Prepare, Implement and Regularly update Open Space Action Plan"

2. Support continuing review of open space inventory.

3. Update open space maps with GIS on a continuing basis.

Action: "Be more proactive in preserving and protecting our wetlands, vernal pools, bogs, and watersheds."

4. States "Identify high quality wetlands, vernal pools and bogs." Develop a system to prioritize their importance within the ecosystem and modify regulations to support their preservation."

It was noted that East Windsor has a Black Spruce Bog which is environmentally unique. There are only a few in the state. It may be being degraded by runoff directed into it by the Town. Albert Grant may contact Jeff Holcombe, an East Windsor business owner who has expertise in bogs to see if he would look at the situation.

Action: Preserve agricultural component of East Windsor

2b. Consider soil type (particularly prime and secondary agricultural soils) when making decisions on development proposals.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Outreach letter and tri-fold brochure

Brief discussion on distribution ideas..

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

none

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

none

IX. REPORTS OF STAFF

none

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

none

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant, 2nd Fran Neill The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary

POCD Action Items Cons. Comm.

Primary Strategy	Action Item	Notes
Preserve more open space	Continue to develop an OS conservation program	inventory
	Continue to develop OS evaluation tools	
	Prepare, implement, and regularly update Open Space Action Plan	protect bog
	Develop strategies to utilize open space for appropriate uses	
Protect Environmental Quality	Continue Participation in Regional Environmental Programs and Organizations	
Preserve Community assets-cultural, historical, agricultural	Preserve agricultural component of East Windsor	
	Continue to develop and establish the scenic loop/driving tour, and develop a brochure with highlights to view and visit.	
Refine Residential Development Regulations	continue to investigate methods to strengthen incentives for conservation subdivisions, such as set-asides. Fee in lieu of conservation easements, and consideration of expanding the sewer service area to accommodate clustered housing.	
	Develop regulations to promote the Agricultural component with residential development wherever possible.	can still der soil type re: devel. proposals
	Continue to develop regulations that promote open space set asides with residential development	
Marketing initiatives	Support Agricultural Commission and farming as an integral component of Economic Development	
	Create a town sponsored tourism website or webpage and map which should include Historical, recreational, and Agricultural Assets in East Windsor. Seek grants and/or local business support	
Development initiatives	continue to request money to be set aside in the annual budget for matching funds for grants	✓

Parks & Recreational Facilities	continue to seek grants and utelize volunteers such as Scouts	
Promote long term risk and resiliency planning	Promote farm to table programs for schools and businesses	