

**Town of East Windsor  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

Thursday, January 28, 2021  
Location:  
Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – ZOOM meeting 7:35pm

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Fran Neill, Kurt Kebschull, Alan Baker,  
Town Planner Clark Chapin  
Absent; Jamie Sydoriak

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Oct. 22, 2020 read and discussed. Motion to approve, Fran Neill.  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Kurt Kebschull. Motion passed unanimously to approve minutes as read.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding siting solar farms on farmland. Perhaps send the Solar Siting Council a letter as well as bring Senator Saul Anwar, Rep. Jaime Foster and Rep. Carol Hall into the discussion asking them to take things into consideration ie quality of farmland soils. Best use of prime farmland 1. Farming 2. Solar 3. Housing

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Re: Open Space Fund

Albert Grant spoke to the Town Treasurer. She verified that If Conservation Commission requested to have a line item on the Town budget, it would have to be spent within the year. Would not be a mechanism to accumulate Open Space Funds.

Other towns use referendums where town votes to commit to spend when an opportunity arises.

Need more investigation about how to accumulate funds.

2. Regarding Open Space ordinance for PA 490. Where is that at? Alan Baker requested a copy of the ordinance wording.
3. Albert submitted a budget request for recording secretary.
4. Discussed public outreach. Idea to create a brochure for landowners listing options for land preservation. List of Town businesses involved with agriculture could be a good topic for the town newsletter. Donna Grant has been compiling a list.

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion.

Strategy for implementing POCD action items for Conservation Commission. Clark Chapin said he could send us a memo with the action items.

#### VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

#### VIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### IX. ADJOURMENT

1. Motion made to adjourn by Albert Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran Neill. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant