

Trumbull Nature Commission Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, December 2, 2025  
7:00 pm

ZOOM

Agenda

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments**

**Approve Minutes – September 3, 2025**

**TNAC Q&A**

1. Commission Questions/Comments Regarding Written Director Report

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Discussion and Approval of Meeting Dates for 2026

**Next Meeting – March 17, 2026**

**Adjournment**

Trumbull Nature Commission Regular Meeting

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## Trumbull Nature Commission Meetings for 2026

March 17, 2026

June 16, 2026

September 15, 2026

December 8, 2026

**Patrons of the Trumbull Nature & Arts Center**  
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Subject: Report to Nature Commission: December 2025

### **TNAC Building and Grounds**

- Building
  - o The Town of Trumbull replaced the outdoor spigots at the front and back of the building. They are now in working order.
  - o The Town of Trumbull has not yet repaired the broken and missing flashing and gutters
  - o Building interior
    - See bullet point below, "State of CT FY26 Legislative allocation"
- Grounds
  - o The meadow, gardens, pond edge and hiking trails continue to be maintained
  - o Patrons of TNAC President Kevin Malone has funded the creation of a memorial garden on the TNAC grounds as a tribute to his mom
    - The garden will be situated with sight of the pond, and will serve as a space for quiet reflection and art-making

### **Town of Trumbull – TNAC Building Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design**

- Antinozzi Assoc. provided a price quote for the building project.
  - o The total project cost, including soft costs, is \$2,684,207
    - Representatives from the Patrons of TNAC met with the First Selectman and Public Works Director to review the plans and costs
      - It appears that although the drawings were favorably received, at this time the TNAC building project is not a priority
      - o However, the project may remain on the Town's 5-year capital plan so that it could be considered for funding at a time to be determined

### **Corporate and Community Partnerships**

- Henkel Corporation held their Community Impact Day at TNAC on October 9, 2025
  - o Henkel awarded TNAC a grant to complete the projects
  - o Completed projects included:
    - Installation and finishing of the TNAC Free Little Art Gallery
      - The grand opening of the gallery will be held at the TNAC Earth Day program, April 18, 2026
    - Replacement of faulty garage door threshold, picnic table refurbishment, trail clearing, sunflower garden clean-out
      - The cement wall curving around the playground was left as is until a decision is made as to its future
- Goodwill and Kennedy Collective vocational program participants suspended visits until the spring
  - o The Patrons of TNAC will provide parties for the participants at their locations

## Fundraising

- State of CT FY26 Legislative allocation
  - o The Patrons submitted the required application and were informed that our submission has moved on to the next stage of approval, following staff review
    - If approved, the allocation would fund the following projects, through June 30, 2026:
      - Landscaping services
      - Seasonal Programs
      - A portion of contracted services and operating expenses
      - Facilities and Equipment
        - o Groundskeeping equipment
        - o Visitor space improvements, visitor exhibits
          - Under this line item, the Patrons would:
            - Remove and upgrade interior lighting in the two front rooms, entranceway, and small bathroom
            - Install educational exhibits in the visitor space located to the right of the front door
              - o A consultant company would be contracted to advise and implement this project
- Horizon Foundation
  - o The Patrons submitted a grant application to fund two new initiatives
    - These initiatives would have the Patrons developing and implementing two new programs. One would serve older adults and the other would serve young children
      - The decision is to be made during the second week of December
- State of CT ARPA \$100,000 allocation
  - o As of November 21, 2025, there is \$73,939 remaining of the allocation
    - The Patrons expect to have depleted the funds as required by fall 2026
- Verizon Wireless retailers in the northeast assembled and shipped Sustainable Garden Kits to TNAC
  - o Over 100 kits have been received to date
    - The kits will be distributed at TNAC's Earth Day program

## Environmental Education and Seasonal Programs

- YTD 2025, the Patrons provided programs to:
  - o 5,248 educational program participants
  - o 916 family program participants
- Family programs are being planned for winter/spring 2026, including:
  - o Pinecone Bonsai Workshop collaborative program with Trumbull Community Women (February 28, 2026)
  - o Maple sugaring demonstration (March 7, 2026)
  - o St. Patrick's Day rainbow search (March 14, 2026)

- Trumbull Community Women Shredding Event (March 28, 2026)
- Earth Day Family Celebration (April 18, 2026)
- Science Adventure Trail (Dates TBD)
- Fishing 101 (Date TBD)
- Intro to Archery (Date TBD)

### **Patrons of TNAC Nonprofit Update**

- The Patrons' Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 11:00am at the Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
- Education
  - Due to increased funding and demand, the Patrons have contracted with two additional environmental educators
- The Patrons are actively seeking additional board members
  - Board Member Pam Hanover moved out of state
    - Multiple candidates have been identified, and several are interested in getting involved
      - These potential new board members would support existing TNAC priorities, and expand into new opportunities
- Publicity
  - On November 18, 2025, TNAC was included in a CT Post article under the headline, "Want to help? Here are some nonprofits in Connecticut dedicated to helping children"
    - TNAC was listed first in the Education category, and a photo was included as well

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