

**TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
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Trumbull Conservation Commission Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
7:00 pm

**Present:** Chairman Mary Ellen Lemay, Commissioners Richard Post, Tim Coughlin, Pam Roman, John Massari, Matthew Silzicki and Sara Sterling

Also Present: Mary Hogue, Chair of Fairfield Forestry Committee, Ryan Romeo, Janet Epstein and First Selectman Tesoro

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lemay at 7:04 pm.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021 as written. Seconded by Mr. Post and approved with one abstention by Mr. Silzicki.

**Next Meetings**

Mrs. Lemay noted that the June 30, 2021 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be held September 1, 2021.

**New Business**

1. Discussion of Fairfield's Tree Replacement Plan - Two presentations were made on a tree replanting plan that is being done in Fairfield. Mary Hogue of Fairfield Forestry presented that residents can pay \$200 to have a tree (opposite side of road from powerlines) or shrub (below power lines) supplied and planted by Fairfield Town personnel, within the ten foot town right-of-way along roads. The residents are required to water the plantings. Ryan Roman, a grade school student in Fairfield, gave an impressive presentation on trees. Discussion was held regarding the Commission's desire to implement a similar plan in Trumbull. Mrs. Tesoro recommended ideas/suggestions be forwarded to her office for consideration early in the fall in preparation for budget time. Mr. Coughlin will gather information regarding the program in Greenwich and Mr. Post will consult with Michael Dietz from UCONN Clear Land Use Academy to collect data on urban tree canopies. Mrs. Lemay will contact Mr. Paris for his suggestions.
2. Edits and New Format of the Natural Resource Inventory - Three documents were discussed. The original document has not been released to the public as there are still edits being made. Discussion was held regarding the Town website and its role in implementing the resident document. QR codes were also discussed as well as kiosks in the parks which are not being

utilized. POCD was discussed with regard to its recommendation for the NRI and how it would be used by the land use boards and departments. After discussion the following was decided:

- a. A representative from the Commission would attend the Parks Department meeting to discuss the project.
  - b. A one page sample for the each new document will be designed to see what information should be included from the NRI. Mrs. Sterling and Mr. Silzicki will draft a document for one of the parks for the Citizen Guide. Mr. Post will work on long range planning.
3. Conservation Commission's role with Sustainable CT Certification – Ms. Roman noted that the actions of the Commission may fill some of the requirements for the Silver Designation. She noted that the certification requires two Equity Tool Kits which include collaboration with other organizations. Discussion are being held regarding what activities would qualify. Several suggestions for the Equity Tool Kits were made including a tree plan, clean-up project with the Boy Scouts and a bridge replacement across the Pequonnock River in the Valley. Mr. Massari will speak with DEEP to see what would be involved for the last project. Final submission is due in August.
  4. Pollinator Pathway Launch – Discussion was held regarding the activities at White Birch Nursery on June 5 and the Farmer's Market on June 3.

#### **Old Business**

1. Updates on IWWC Applications – Discussion was held regarding an application for a residence on Pinewood Lake to remove several trees in a sensitive area. The Conservation Commission sent a four page advisory recommendation on July 10, 2020 on this very complicated application. Another walk-through will be conducted on June 17 on the property. Discussion was held regarding getting the P&Z information out to new residents on this type of work done on private property and where and how it could be disseminated. Mrs. Lemay will reach out to Ken Martin, Realtor, for his thoughts.
2. Mr. Massari spoke on the invasives in Dogwood Lake and noted the Conservation Commission should reapply for funding. He also noted that public access to the lake should be better designated. Ms. Lemay noted there was an application of an herbicide with a slight improvement.
3. Ms. Roman has not heard from Don Eng regarding the New Comer brochure.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk