



**Coventry Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2023
Conference Room B**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Chair Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Other members present were Art Hall, Vincent Messino, Paul Manzone, Brian Coss, and Jamie Coss. Melinda Gosselin, Town Wetlands Agent also attended.

2. Secretary's Report

- Art moved to approve the minutes of January 4th, 2023. Paul seconded the motion, all were in favor

3. Financial Report

- The Commission has \$1,454.92 in its budget for FY 22-23.
- The Lake Advisory and Monitoring Committee is requesting \$1,400 for additional lake testing for FY24, due to last year's algae bloom. Their funding has come from the Conservation Commission's budget in the past, so this figure will likely be requested as an addition to the commission's annual budget.

4. Audience of Citizens

None

5. Site Plan/Town Referral

None

6. New Business

- 2023 CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant Proposal- The town is seeking a grant for funding of improvements at William Hunt Preserve. This runs from South St to the Skungamaug River, and the proposal includes 4 wooden bridge, 2 boardwalks, a gravel walkway near the river, and a gravel parking area for approximately 3 cars. Mindy is requesting a letter of support from the Conservation Commission and the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee.
- Fiscal Year 24 Budget Submittal- the commission budget meeting with Town Staff is on 2/23 at 5:30 pm. Leroy will be in attendance.
- Patriots Park Woods Trail- Leroy and Vin walked the trail and took photos of trail maintenance needs. There are two sections that need corduroy logs added/replaced, and new trail paint markers are needed in some areas. The exit of the trail needs to be redirected as there is frequently water pooling at the end, as well as storm drainage that makes exiting difficult.
- Mindy is applying for a Pollinator Pathway Rain Garden at Creaser Park. There's a possibility of obtaining grant funds from The Last Green Valley and Hartford Audubon.

7. Old Business

- 2-hour State Mandated Sexual Harassment Training - All members must complete the training by March 31st.
- Williams Preserve/Rose property Management Plan – Mindy obtained a quote of \$6,500 for a metal bridge. No quote has been returned yet from Rob Guliano for the Boy Scouts. The history section of the site management plan has been completed! Thank you to the Coventry Historical Society for their assistance.
- Adopt a Road Program & Nip Bottle Surcharge – The Department of Public Works has used some of the funding to add recycle bins throughout Town Hall. This is one of the possible uses the commission was considering. Mindy has asked that we be consulted before any more of the funding from this program is used.

8. Members Forum

9. Communications

10. Adjournment

Leroy moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian Coss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Coss