



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

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

- Chair Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. 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 February 1st, 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.

**4. Audience of Citizens**

None

**5. Site Plan/Town Referral**

None

**6. New Business**

- Staff Update- Mindy has accepted a position with DEEP. Her last day with the Town of Coventry will be 3/9. Her position has been posted by the town.

**7. Old Business**

- State Mandated Sexual Harassment Training- All members must complete the training by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Williams Preserve/Rose property Management Plan – Leroy asked if Mindy could help figure out where the second entrance to the preserve is located. Leroy has reached out to the Boy Scouts again looking for a quote for the bridge needed at this property. Mindy also advised that the funding for this bridge can come from existing funds that LOCIP provided to the town.
- Nip Bottle Surcharge – Mindy has reached out to multiple towns to see what they are doing with the funds they've received. Paul reached out to several towns for the same reason. He found that several towns were not aware the funding was available. The Town Manager let Mindy know that he wants further guidance from the state before spending any more of the funds.

- Mindy and Leroy visited the exit to Patriots Park Woods. Mindy is going to visit again with Eric Thomas to assess how the exit can be redirected and made safer.
- South River Road Preserve- The preserve now has a sign and the rocks outlining the parking area have been moved back to allow more parking space.
- DEEP Recreational Trails Grant- The application for this grant was submitted today (3/1). A letter of recommendation from the Conservation Commission and the Protected Spaces Stewardship Committee was included with the application.

## **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 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Coss