



Coventry Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2022
Conference Room B

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Other members present were Jamie Coss, Robert Proctor, Art Hall, Paul Manzone, Vincent Messino and Brian Coss. We were joined by Mindy Gosselin, Wetland Agent & Erosion Control Officer for the Town of Coventry.

1. Secretary's Report

Art Hall moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2022, with addendum. Paul Manzone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

2. Financial Report

Funds in the Commission's budget still show a total of \$1,835.

3. Audience of Citizens/Special Business

None.

5. Site Plan/Town Referral

Application #22-3 - Two lot subdivision for Zachary Studenroth, 445 Goose Lane (Assessor's Account # RO6044) - GR-40 zone. Submitted by Bushnell Associates.

-Has the applicant met the existing regulation for set-aside land?

-Stones removed to allow for the driveway should be thoughtfully placed elsewhere on the property, such as on existing wall.

Application #22-4 - Two lot family resubdivision for Robert and Mary Kortmann, 430 Talcott Hill Road (Assessor's Account #RO2961) - GR-40 zone. Submitted by Bushnell Associates.

-Clarify: Symbols on the plans cannot be found on the maps.

-Stones removed during construction should be used on existing walls.

6. New Business

Leroy Lowe set Sunday April 24th as the next litter pick-up day for chronically littered Daly Road. The activity will begin at the Olsen Farm parking lot at 10 a.m. Bags and grabbers will be provided. Volunteers are welcome.

Jamie Coss gave a comprehensive report on the present state of Patriots Park Woods trail, citing several areas of concern. In all, he found the trail to be degraded and unsuitable for general use until restorative action is taken.

Eric Thomas came by on behalf of the Protected Spaces Stewardship to report progress developing Williams Preserve, notably the funding, design and imminent construction of a bog bridge over an intermittent stream. Once completed the structure will significantly improve access to the greater property.

We noted the recent purchase by the Town of a multi-acre parcel previously owned by the Conrad family. The land has been set aside permanently as open space.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Members Forum

Leroy Lowe invited discussion of the Hytone Farm anaerobic digester. This facility converts biogas captured from farm and food waste and converts it to electricity which can be sold through the power grid. The process has promise of greater sustainability for mid-sized farms.

8. Communications

None.

9. Adjournment

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

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022.

Submitted by Robert Proctor

CORRECTION 4/8/2022

Coventry Conservation Commission

Minutes for April 6, 2022

Item 6. **New Business**

Final item regarding Town acquisition of multi-acre parcel, should be corrected to read:

Regarding the proposed Town acquisition of the Conway property on South River Road, we noted the Town Council has voted to move the acquisition to a vote at the Annual Town Meeting April 23. The Conway parcel would provide strong resource protection within the Skungamaug River corridor consistent with goals set forth in the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. The Conservation Commission enthusiastically supports this acquisition.