

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Preston Town Hall
Monday, May 21, 2018
7:30 pm.
Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Regular Members

Gary Piszczek, Chairman
Matthew Snurkowski, Vice Chairman – mowing his lawn
Susan Mattern, Secretary - excused
Lynwood Crary - excused
Margaret Gibson – excused
Ted Zajac

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier
Sandy Pimental - seated

Recorder

Roberta Charpentier

Chairman Piszczek seated Sandy Pimental and Roberta Charpentier

3. Approval of the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by R. Charpentier and seconded by T. Zajac to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

No public present.

5. Communications

a) The Habitat, winter/Spring 2018

b) Letter received from Eversource regarding a tree planting poster of 30 low growing trees.

Chairman Piszczek suggested the CAC come up with a list of native trees

Chairman Piszczek will talk to the Conservation District; when they have their plant sale, all of their items are native. The CAC could distribute our own list.

R. Charpentier suggested distribution at the Scarecrow Festival.

R. Charpentier suggested asking Eversource for more copies of the native tree poster.

c) Letter received from Thames River Basin Partnership regarding Earth Day every day.

Chairman Piszczek suggested having a day to pick up garbage on the roads, in the Fall and Spring.

d) Email received from United Way of Southeastern Connecticut regarding “United Way Day of Caring “ at Coogan Farm Giving Garden in Mystic at the Denison Nature Center.

e) Email received on May 8, 2018 regarding People For Bikes Community Grant Program

A motion was made by T. Zajac and seconded by G. Piszczek that the CAC request K. Warzecha apply for this grant.

All in favor. Motion carries.

f) Thames River Basin Partnership Floating Workshop XVIII, Scholarship application form
A motion was made by G. Piszczek and seconded by T. Zajac to approve reimbursement of \$25.00 to S. Pimental and R. Charpentier if they attend the Floating Workshop are not awarded a scholarship.
All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations.

Tabled

b) Farm Dating Program

The CAC will work on a project with Diane Hansen in the Fall

c) Hniatuk & Grossman properties – future use.

Chairman Piszczek will ask K. Warzecha to pursue the grant which will allow bike paths on the property.

d) Kendall Property

Avalonia received the grant.

e) Farm Tours

August

f) State Hospital Development

- Permitting
- Permission from a landowner; no crossing needed
- Soil samples being taken to see if contaminated soil can be diluted vs. being removed.
- FBI bomb training will take place on the property

g) Notable Tree of CT: 149 River Road

Members will hike to the tree in the Fall.

h) Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski

Chairman Piszczek will take care of the letter.

i) Comprehensive Zoning Revisions

Planning & zoning does not need input from the CAC at this time.

j) Joint meeting with Avalonia

Chairman Piszczek will contact Sue Sutherland to set this up.

k) Roadside Blight

Will plan for Fall and Spring

8. Boots on the Ground – Paddles in the Water Report

No discussion

9. New Business

a) Eversource/Mary Dora Preserve – Tree Planting

Chairman Piszczek would like Eversource to donate money or give technical assistance with developing a demonstration plot of invasive controls and re-planting on the right-of-way at the Mary Dora Preserve.

b) People For Bikes Community Grant Program

Chairman Piszczek noted that some schools have mountain bike clubs and he will find out if Preston has one.

Chairman Piszczek noted that there is a group around that helps design and maintain bike trails.

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder