

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Preston Town Hall
Monday, June 25, 2018
7:30 pm.
Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

2. Roll Call

Regular Members

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

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier
Sandy Pimental - seated

Recorder

Roberta Charpentier

Chairman Piszczek seated Sandy Pimental

Chairman Piszczek stated, after a weekend of celebrating and remembering the life of Margaret Gibson's husband, David McKain, her absence from tonight's Conservation Commission is understandable. David McCain was one of the primary drivers and founding members of the Conservation Commission and we would like to recognize and express our grateful appreciation for all of David's contributions to the Commission, and for his dedication to the many matters involving the preservation of his beloved Preston over the years.

3. Approval of the May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by S. Pimental and seconded by T. Zajac to approve the May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Aye: G. Piszczek, S. Mattern, S. Pimental

L. Crary, M. Snurkowski, T. Zajac abstained.

Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

No public present.

5. Communications

None

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations.

Tabled

b) Farm Dating Program

S Mattern spoke with Diane Hansen regarding a project with CAC in the Fall

c) Hniatuk & Grossman properties – future use.

M. Snurkowski presented a draft map he made showing the property and its trails.

M. Snurkowski noted that the map is a draft and asked for input.

M. Snurkowski noted that any of the colors can be changed and he will put the Town's logo on the map.

M. Snurkowski suggested producing a tri-fold and print facts on the back of the map.

d) Kendall Property

Avalonia received the grant.

e) Farm Tours

Planned for August 4th.

f) State Hospital Development

L. Crary noted that it is a slow process.

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 is working on this and 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.

L. Crary noted that 1st Selectman Congdon told him the Incinerator used to donate trash bags and the Town would pick up trash bags of the garbage collected.

l) 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.

m) People For Bikes Community Grant Program

Chairman Piszczek will ask K. Warzecha for status

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

No discussion

9. New Business

None

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder