

CAC

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 28, 2022  
Preston Town Hall  
7:30 pm.**

**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  
Lynwood Crary  
Margaret Gibson - excused  
Sandy Pimentel  
Ted Zajac

**Alternates**

Roberta Charpentier - seated  
Rebecca Hayes - seated

**Also present**

Pat Monahan, President Amos Lake Association

*Chairman Piszczek seated Roberta Charpentier and Rebecca Hayes*

**3. Approval of the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes**

**A motion was made by M. Snurkowski and seconded by T. Zajac to accept the Regular Meeting Minute of January 24, 2022 as presented.**

**L. Crary abstained**

**All other members in favor. Motion carries.**

**4. Comments from the Public**

Pat Monahan, President Amos Lake Association stated that she is concerned about wildlife being effected as a result of the Blue Camp Development on Avery Pond. Osprey, Eagles and Herons primary diet is fish. Avery Pond is a small water body and a 118 foot dock and additional kayaking and 1800 campers on site will prevent Osprey, Eagles and Heron to continue to be able to feed there.

Pat Monahan noted that she saw comments on social Media saying that birds could go to Amos Lake and feed and explained that the birds use and need all three bodies of water (The Cove, Avery Pond and Amos Lake) in order to survive. They can't just feed at one.

The fishway from Long Island Sound through Hallville, through Indiantown Brook to Avery Pond then up to Amos Lake have aquatic birds and other species feeding on those feeder fish. That is part of the life cycle of that ecosystem that could be disrupted.

Chairman Piszczek noted that the continuity of the watershed is very important and it's very unique. Everything is connected all the way to Long Island Sound.

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## **5. Communications**

- a) Special Exception Application #2022-01, Site Plan #2022-01 and Coastal Site Plan #2022-01, Sean Nugent for Preston Redevelopment Agency, Applicant and Sandra Allyn-Gauthier for Town of Preston, Owner for property located at 14, 16, 19, 54, 102, 107 and 111 Route 2; Excavation and Fill, Remediation of Contaminated Soil, Modification of Containment Areas.
- b) Eastern Connecticut Conservation District 2020-2021 Annual Report, July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021.
- c) Letter dated January 27, 2022 to CAC from The Connecticut Audubon Society regarding \$45 yearly donation due in February.
- d) ECCD Outlook Plant Sale 2022 Edition

## **6. Public Hearing**

None

## **7. Old Business**

### **a) Clustered Zoning Regulations**

Tabled

### **b) State Hospital Development**

Clean-up has resumed

### **c) Beaver bumper report**

No comments

### **d) Petroglyph in Preston, CT**

The water is currently too high to look for the petroglyph

### **e) Tri-Town Trail and Crosswalk**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman contacted DOT regarding this crosswalk and DOT will be installing one in the Spring.

### **f) Eversource – Mary Dora Woodland parking area.**

Eversource has not started working on the parking area yet.

### **g) Blue Camp CT, LLC**

See New Business

### **h) The right to Farm Ordinance**

Tabled until next month

## **8. Boots on the Ground – paddles in the water report, Amos Lake Association.**

P. Monahan stated she met with Amy Brosnan, Director of Preston Parks & recreation and went over the whole program.

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**111 Route 2; Excavation and Fill, Remediation of Contaminated Soil, Modification of Containment Areas.**

Chairman Piszczek noted that this does not effect the Cove and it needs to be done. The CAC has no objections or comments.

**b) Approval of CAC \$45 annual donation to The Connecticut Audubon Society due in February of 2022.**

Chairman Piszczek noted that this was done last month.

**c) Review Planning & Zoning Blue Camp CT, LLC plan and make recommendation.**

Chairman Piszczek noted that the CAC already commented at the Public Hearing requesting the walkway access be eliminated from the Plans and have people just use the State access.

*Discussion*

The Conservation and Agricultural Commission strongly recommends that the land in the upland review area remain undisturbed as a riparian buffer for the purpose of not only protecting the water quality and wildlife of Avery Pond but the protection of the continuity of the whole watershed (the fishway from Long Island Sound through Hallville, through Indiantown Brook to Avery Pond then up to Amos Lake).

**10. Meanderings**

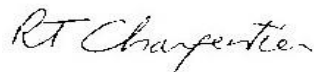
L Crary stated that the Town wide clean-up for Earth Day has been scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

M. Snurkowski noted that a highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in the Atlantic flyway.

**11. Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted



Roberta Charpentier  
Preston Recording Secretary