

CAC

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
Preston Town Hall  
7:30 pm.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Regular Members**

Gary Piszczek, Chairman  
Matthew Snurkowski, Vice Chairman - excused  
Lynwood Crary  
Margaret Gibson - excused  
Sandy Pimentel  
Ted Zajac

**Alternates**

Roberta Charpentier - seated  
Rebecca Hayes - seated

**Also present**

Pat Monahan, President Amos Lake Association  
Susan Hotchkiss, Avery Pond resident

*Chairman Piszczek seated Roberta Charpentier and Rebecca Hayes*

**3. Approval of the March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac to accept the Regular Meeting Minute of March 28, 2022 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

**4. Comments from the Public**

None

**5. Communications**

- a) The Connecticut Audubon Society, Conservation News, Spring 2022.
- b) Letter dated April 11, 2022 from The Connecticut Audubon Society to Town of Preston, Conservation & Agricultural Commission regarding thank you for \$45.00 donation.
- c) Letter dated April 4, 2022 from Aquarion Water Company, Peter Fazekas, Director to Preston Conservation & Agricultural Commission regarding Annual Environmental Champion Awards.
- d) Connecticut Wildlife Magazine, January/February 2022.

**6. Public Hearing**

None

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**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 Tri-Town Trail received a grant for a flashing crosswalk

**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

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

Discussed under New Business

**j) POCD**

K. Warzecha asked that the CAC contribute to the POCD

**k) BMP – Farms & Watercourses**

Will discuss with Matt Snurkowski who is currently working on the Right To Farm Ordinance

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

Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission, Amos Lake Association Inc, and Preston Parks and Recreation Present:

## Paddles on the Water

**FREE EVENT!**

Sunday, June 12th Amos Spring Stroll  
9:00am-11:00am  
Look for Osprey, ducks, and fish spawning!

Sunday, July 10th Aquatic Life of Amos Lake  
9:00am-11:00am  
Identify the aquatic plants of Amos Lake!

Sunday, August 14th Paddle Something Unusual  
9:00am-11:00am  
Decorate your canoe or kayak or paddle something unusual like an inflatable or a raft!

Sunday, September 11th Fall Morning Paddle  
9:00am-11:00am  
Enjoy an early morning kayak around the lake and admire the Fall foliage!

Sunday, October 9th Full Moon Paddle  
6:30 pm-8:30pm  
Paddle around the lake under the glow of the Full Moon!

**All participants are required to wear a personal floatation device**

**Bring your own kayak or canoe**  
**Park at Amos Lake boat launch**  
**196 Rt 164, Preston CT**

**More info available at [www.amoslake.com](http://www.amoslake.com)**  
**Register at [www.preston-ct.org](http://www.preston-ct.org)**

Pat Monahan, President Amos Lake Association stated the Paddles on the Water 4 events is posted on Parks & Recreation website Deep is going to do a clean, drain, dry presentation because they often lack the ability to present to kayakers.

Pat Monahan stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Amos Lake Golf Tournament will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Lake of Isles Golf Course.

**9. New Business**

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**a) Comments to the Planning & Zoning Commission**

Chairman Piszczek stated he is going to attend the P&Z meeting and ask that the glamping area be removed. How important are 12 glamping sites?

L. Crary noted that he did not think it would be a glamping crowd camping there anyway.

Pat Monahan stated that they eliminated certain glam sites because the limnologist they hired to study the pond recommended the 100' buffer because of proposed activities and run-off. So why wouldn't the same thing be true for the Indian Town Brook water body.

P. Monahan noted when she asked that question, the limnologist answered that he was hired only to study the pond. Common sense will tell you the same thing applies to the other water body.

Chairman Piszczek noted that we are giving up 25 acres of prime farm land so they can put up a parking lot with Rvs. I think we are within our rights to ask that they don't intrude into the watercourse.

**10. Meanderings**

L Crary stated that the Town wide clean-up for Earth Day took place the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Not as many residents signed up this year

**11. Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.**



Respectfully submitted  
Roberta Charpentier  
Preston Recording Secretary