

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022
Preston Town Hall
7:30 pm.**

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

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier - seated
Rebecca Hayes - seated

Chairman Piszczek seated Rebecca Hayes and Roberta Charpentier

3. Approval of the July 25, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

No Public present

5. Communications

a) Connecticut Farmland Trust

No hard copies were sent to the CAC to look over

6. Public Hearing

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations

Chairman Piszczek noted that there is a lot of information on line about agrihoods.

L. Crary stated that there are only 90 in the United States.

Chairman Piszczek stated that most of them are relocated Brownfields in the cities.

b) State Hospital Development

The PRA is seeking a new member who will work on-site to over-see current work.

c) Beaver bumper report

No beavers. Very dry conditions.

d) Petroglyph in Preston, CT

M. Snurkowski looked for the petroglyph. Took photos of what may be a possibility and shared with CAC members.

M. Snurkowski will go back out and take another look and take a better picture.

e) Tri-Town Trail and Crosswalk

A couple of Tri-Town Trail members are scheduled to meet with the 1st Selectwoman to discuss.

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f) Eversource – Mary Dora Woodland parking area.

Eversource has improved the parking lot, and Chairman Piszczek is asking that they put down a layer of stone dust.

g) The right to Farm Ordinance

M. Snurkowski has not completed

h) POCD

See New Business

i) BMP – Farms & Watercourses

Will discuss after right to Farm Ordinance is completed

j) Blue Camp Hearing

Appealed and in the court system

k) Poquetanuck Cove Preserve

S. Pimentel not present

l) Avalonia Land Conservancy

See New Business

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

Pat Monahan not present.

9. New Business

a) Development Rights Poll for Preston Landowners

Chairman Piszczek spoke to K. Warzecha about development rights and she thought it was a good idea.

L. Crary suggested making a list of landowners to speak to.

b) Doolittle/Avalonia acquisition partnership

1st Selectwoman will arrange to have a meeting

10. Meanderings

L. Crary has been looking into raising the amount for the tax exemption for farm equipment. He will write up an ordinance for an increase to \$200,000.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier

Preston Recording Secretary