



MONROE CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
MINUTES

General Meeting

Date: 7/6/2016

Next Meeting: August 3, 2016

Time: 6:58 pm – 9:00 pm

Place: Town Hall

Attendance: See Attendance Log Attached

Commission Chair: Karen Burnaska

Vice Chair: Marven Moss

Secretary: Beverly Doyle

Treasurer: Ryan Driscoll

Others present: Barbara Thomas

Topic	Discussion	Recommendations/ Action	Responsible Person/Group	Follow- up Date
Review of minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved. The draft minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approved minutes will be sent to the Town Clerk. 	Bev	
Announcements / Correspondence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT Wildlife Magazine was received and shared. Notice of tentative determination, Federal Coastal Consistency Review received. 		Karen	
Public Participation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		All	
Liaison Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Members will monitor	Marven/Karen Ellie/Ryan/Karen	Ongoing
CTAC/Pequonnock River Watershed Initiative:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTAC will meet in September. Tree Canopy presentation will be on 9/13/16, 6:30pm at the EWML. Will send "Save the Date" cards/flyers. Kendall Barberry, CFE re: PRI projects, Trumbull, Greenwich & Monroe chosen. Monroe (Stepney Elementary & Bart Center) discussed. More info needed from CFE and Scott Schatzlein. 		Marven / Karen	Ongoing
Land Trust:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marven and Cynthia walked Paugusset (SP?) Trail for possible fall open hike. Mary Ellen LeMay, The Fairfield County Regional Conservation Partnership did presentation (same as one to Conservation Commission) 		Marven / Bev	Ongoing
Land Use Applications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission will continue to review applications. 		All	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 146 Cutlers Farm/269 Purdy Hill Rd – Zoning Change from Farming to Senior Housing. • 36 Timothy Hill (off Enterprise Dr) re-subdivision. • 754 Main St (former church) re: zoning change to Industrial. • 342 Monroe Tpke – zoning change from residential to business (dental practice). 			
<p>Old Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Care brochures were printed (350) of them and shared with group – will be placed in Library, Sr. Center, Town Hall and various other locations. • Discussion about Open Space map – open space to some means the public can walk it; open space to others means it's not built on. Will continue to investigate possible terminology and ways to differentiate public open space and privately owned property that is green. • Motion made & approved to join The Fairfield County Regional Conservation Partnership. • Membership has been paid in CT Land Conservation Council, \$100 for year 7/1/16-6/30/17 approved by group. • Some members attended Town Council Subcommittee meeting prior to this meeting to review fee in lieu of donation of open space. Need to meet with P&Z sub-division committee to discuss options, percentages and 		<p>All</p>	

	benefits to Town of Monroe.			
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellie to check with Principal Kobza/Aqua Culture regarding getting Monroe students qualified to do water sampling of the Pequonnock River. Training will be at Earthplace in Westport. 		Ellie	
CWRC Budget:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 budget passed - \$1,000 		Karen	
Other: Suggested budget expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chalk Hill trail – suggestion to update/replace trees/add signs, possibly get Girl or Boy Scout(s) looking for projects to assist. Share any conferences identified as beneficial to group/town. Discussion regarding possible “pollinator area” in Monroe. This would showcase to residents the benefits of a wildflower area to promote bees, wildlife, etc. and the ease in which to do this to any area. Interested members will develop a proposal for discussion at our August meeting. If agreed to, it will be discussed with Frank Cooper, Park & Rec re: some locations and buy-in. 		All	
Agenda Items for next meeting:	Pending Applications, P&Z subdivision regs re: open space and FIL, pollinator areas, budget requests, and the Commission map.		All	
Next Meeting:	August 3, 2016			

*Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule – 2016 ** Meetings will be held in the Monroe Town Hall and begin at 7:00 p.m.

January 6	July 6
February 3	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 5	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7
	January 4, 2017

Attendance Log for Monroe Conservation and Water Resources Commission

		2016												
	Name	Role	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Jeff Fulchino	Member	-	-	-	P	P	A	A					
2	Ellie Krevolin	Member	-		P	P	A	P	P					
3	Karen Burnaska	Chairman	P		P	P	P	P	P					
4	Cynthia Giancaspro	Member	P		P	P	P	P	P					
5	Ryan Driscoll	Treasurer	-		P	P	A	A	P					
6	Marven Moss	Vice-Chairman	P		P	P	A	P	P					
7	Beverly Doyle	Secretary	P		P	P	P	A	P					
	Ranger Dave Solek	Advisor						A						
	KEY													
	X No meeting													
	* No Longer a Member													
	P Present													
	A Absent													