

**East Haddam  
Conservation Commission**

November 6, 2018

Adopted December 4, 2018

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Building. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being present.

a. Roll Call

Rob Smith, Joe Zaid, Paul Sienna, Sue Merrow, Marilyn Gleeson, Todd Gelston, Charlotte Gelston, Thom Delventhal. Others present: Gary Wilson, Duane Perreault

2. Appointment of Alternates

All regular members are in attendance, therefore no alternates were appointed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Under New Business, added Conservation Commissioner application

Motion by Ms. Merrow to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Conservation Commission Minutes for 10/9/18

6a. End of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, clarified the discussion with the neighbor that Mr. Smith had, changing the sentence to include “as no notification was provided”.

6a. 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, added a “d” to related.

6a. In 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, corrected Eightmile spelling and clarified the bridge condition in the first sentence.

6c. added “news” in front of paper.

Motion by Ms. Merrow to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Ms. Gelston and unanimously approved. Mr. Zaid abstained.

5. Approval of Forestry and Stewardship Sub-Committee Minutes for 10/25/18

3b. Updated last sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph adding “possibly” and replacing “shelter that needs to be addressed with “cellar or stockpile them for other uses”. Also added “as reported” was added

3c. Updated end of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph with “if EHCC volunteers cannot safely remove them.” Also added “, and had been previously reported by the homeowner” to clarify about the dead ash tree.

Motion by Ms. Gleeson to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Mr. Delventhal and unanimously approved.

6. Old Business

a. Subcommittee updates

Stewardship and Forestry Management sub-committee: There was discussion around the need to remove the single-faced stone wall on the Patrell property. Several members asked if there was a way to rebuild the wall, but that would be pretty expensive to rebuild.

Mr. Smith discussed how hard it has been to get a work party together due to the weather. This past Saturday there was a work party at Rose Farm where 4 diamond peers were installed for the bridge. The bridge project has been started, but 4 or 5 people are needed for the next work party to help with the bridge supports and longitudinal timbers. This coming Saturday is the next work party, so Mr. Smith asked for clarity as to who can join the work parties. Mr. Zaid can attend, but Mr. Sienna cannot. Mr. Perreault can join, as can Mr. Delventhal. The focus is to get the wood out to the bridge site and to get a portion of the bridge built. After that, the focus is to mark the boundaries on Roaring Brook, and then the work will continue on the bridge at Rose Farm.

Outreach and Promotion: Everyone praised Ms. Merrow on the article she wrote in the Events magazine.

Volunteer Activism: Nothing to report.

b. IWWC and P&Z updates

IWWC – Mr. Gelston noted that Shagbark has applied for a facility expansion. They want to build a 90x40' building, the commission asked a number of questions which were answered. There are additional clarifications needed that will be discussed at another meeting. There are a few other upland applications being reviewed that are minor in nature.

P&Z – Mr. Zaid noted that on 10/9, Sam and Wiley Peckham had a lot line approved. At the Oct 23 meeting, the PoCD discussion was tabled and Bob Casner reviewed Shagbark's plans. There is discussion related to zoning modifications to provide more industrial/commercial property up on Mount Parnassus near the power lines. There is a site walk on the proposed IG3 and IG2 area.

On Oct. 26, there was a presentation by the vendor hired to facilitate the update on the PoCD, it was an extension of their outreach program to get further community input on the PoCD. Open space, park and rec, and education were highly popular. There were several areas for people to provide input like where people wanted to see additional open space and where industrial commercial should be concentrated. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Zaid to find out the results of the workshop and provide that to the CC.

c. Potential future Eagle Scout projects

Mr. Sienna talked with the Boy Scout leader and learned that there are a couple of Eagle Scouts looking for projects soon. The leader asked for the CC to think about projects and wants them to be extensive to ensure they meet the criteria. The leader would like to get a list of projects, which Mr. Sienna can provide once the CC discusses and outlines ideas. Spring is a good time to have projects outlined and ready for launch.

Mr. Gelston asked for clarification on if the campground on Hatch Lot needs more work to be useable. Mr. Smith noted that it would be good to get a steward for the property. Mr. Smith also asked Mr. Sienna to make sure the Boy Scout leader knows about the youth campground so that he can spread the word to other troops who could use it, he will also discuss if the Boy Scouts would be interested in stewarding the campground.

7. New Business

a. New bills

\$130.46 Shagbark for supplies

Motion by Ms. Gleeson to accept and pay the bill as noted. Second by Mr. Gelston and unanimously approved.

\$114.37 Amazon for bridge supplies

Motion by Mr. Gelston to accept and pay the bill as noted. Second by Ms. Gelston and unanimously approved.

\$123.00 Amazon for supplies

Motion by Mr. Sienna to accept and pay the bill as noted. Second by Mr. Gelston and unanimously approved.

\$432.50 Essex Design and Display for a sign on back of signboard as to who contributed to the property to be posted at Harris

Motion by Mr. Gelston to accept and pay the bill as noted. Second by Mr. Sienna and unanimously approved.

b. Using Public Works/budget discussion

Postponed as Mr. Smith has not had a chance to talk about this topic with the Selectmen.

c. 2019 Meeting Schedule

The CC reviewed the schedule and changed the November date due to Election Day.

Motion by Ms. Gleeson to accept the schedule as amended. Second by Ms. Gelston and unanimously approved.

d. Conservation Commissioner application

Mr. Gary Wilson has submitted his application to join the CC and joined the meeting to tell the group a bit about himself. He moved to town a little over a year ago, and has lived in CT for over 25 years. He's been interested in nature and being involved in projects that can leave a mark in the future.

Motion by Ms. Gelston to recommend Mr. Wilson be appointed as a CC commissioner. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

e. Public Comment

No comments from the public who joined.

8. Next meeting – December 4, in Meeting Room #1, Municipal Office Building.

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9. Announcements and other discussion  
No further discussion.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- Gary Wilson's application for the Conservation Commission