

**East Haddam  
Conservation Commission**

July 2, 2019

Adopted August 6, 2019

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:35 PM at the Municipal Office Building. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being present.

a. Roll Call

Rob Smith, Joe Zaid, Marilyn Gleeson, Gary Wilson, Charlotte Gelston.

2. Appointment of Alternates

Mr. Wilson, alternate, has been appointed as a full voting member due to the absence of Ms. Merrow. Mr. Joe Zaid, alternate, has been appointed as a full voting member due to the absence of Mr. Gelston.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Gelston to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Conservation Commission Minutes for 6/4/19

5c. Changed EightMile to Eightmile.

5c. Removed “chip sealing and” from the Public Works and Petticoat

5c. Clarified that the Franklin Academy kids did not join the prior week.

5c. Changed course to coarse.

8. Added “The chair and commission thanked him for his many years of service and hard work.”

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

5. Old Business

a. Subcommittee updates

Stewardship and Forestry Management sub-committee: Mr. Smith noted that Mr. Wilson and several volunteers have been diligently working on the pollinator/native planting garden at Patrell. The stone path is complete. Now the work is to focus on weeding and keeping things watered. Mr. Smith did talk with Public Works; many of the town crew personnel are out on vacation, equipment has been broken for some time, and with the paving they have been focused on, there has not been much time to work on Patrell further. While visiting Patrell recently, Mr. Smith walked the trails and noted they are in good shape.

Mr. Smith mowed the west side of Rose Farm and will do the east side this weekend if the weather holds.

Outreach and Promotion: The Events magazine went out with the article Ms. Merrow submitted.

Volunteer Activism: Next volunteer event is still scheduled for September and will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. IWWC and P&Z updates

IWWC – There is a flooding issue due to a pipe being filled near Launching Area Road at the Bait Shop. There is a cease and desist order to address the lack of drainage, but the flooding is still an issue.

P&Z – Mr. Zaid missed the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Plan of Conservation & Development. It is going to Public Hearing on July 24<sup>th</sup>. East Haddam Cemetery review was discussed, and there are proposed amendments to clarify regulations for accessory units. The proposed amendments were approved at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

c. ADA Path and plantings

Already discussed under the Stewardship section of the meeting. Mr. Smith did note that Mr. Hedler said that once Public Works engages in the work at Patrell again, the work will proceed very quickly. Mr. Wilson asked about the split rail fence. Mr. Smith noted that he has some supplies for the fence, but does not have enough for the full fence.

6. New Business

a. New bills

\$1327.47 Shagbark for gates and pressure treated lumber for bridge and swamp walk construction

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

b. Update on Eagle Scout project(s)

Mr. Smith received an electronic update from Aiden Behilo. He has figured out how to deal with the vista clearing. He also talked with Mr. Hedler who is going to be pushing stumps and brush into the woods. The next Scout work party will be July 14. Mr. Smith noted that he had marked out where the clearing should be done – it will be cleared of the stumps to allow for a picnic table.

Mr. Smith has not heard from the other 2 scouts who are interested in doing other Eagle Scout projects.

c. Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Next meeting – August 6, in Meeting Room #1, Municipal Office Building.

8. Announcements and other discussion

Mr. Wilson noted that Pat Young from the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic picked up the bill for much of the non-plant materials on the ADA path.

Mr. Wilson also provided a “shout out” to Fred Hunt at Shagbark who did not charge for the delivery of the stone for the ADA path!

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Ms. Gelston asked about the procedure to fill full-time member vacancies with Mr. Sienna's resignation. Mr. Smith noted that the CC typically asks alternates if they would like to become full-time members. He will wait until there is a full contingent of the CC to discuss.

Ms. Gelston noted that there may need to be another map printing completed. Balleks and the Town Hall was empty; she refilled them. She will be visiting other places to check the supplies. Mr. Smith noted that we will be using Essex Printing as the printer for the next round of map printing. Ms. Gleeson asked Ms. Gelston to send a list of needed maps to her so she can provide.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary

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