

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:	M. Harper, Q. Kessel, E. King, C. Rittenhouse, M. Soares, and W. Ouimet
Members Absent:	J. Silander
Alternates Present:	M. Davis
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Staff Present:	J. Kaufman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Soares called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present are M. Harper, Q. Kessel, E. King, C. Rittenhouse, M. Soares, and W. Ouimet - and alternates M. Davis. Alternate M. Davis is seated for absent member J. Silander.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kessel MOVED, Ouimet seconded approval of the November 17, 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion PASSED unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

- Overview of Mansfield MS4 Program and Stormwater Management Plan – Derek Dilaj
 - ConsComm asked about UConn, specifically Eagleville Brook and Robert's Brook
 - Mr. Dilaj said that UConn is subject to MS4 as well and is implementing LID and other measures going forward
- Mansfield 2021 MS4 Annual Report Permit – Derek Dilaj

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dr. James Knighton is interested in joining the Conservation Commission. He is an ecohydrologist and described his work as 80% water, 20% trees. Prior to his current appointment, he was an engineer and hydrologist with experience in flood risk.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Conservation Easement Monitoring Next Step

- a. Tentative date for next trip is 3/12/22 with alternate date 3/13/22

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Community Outreach and Education**
 - a. Summer Program Ideas
 - b. Eagle Scout Project
 - c. Spring Programs (MCC)
- B. Sustainable CT**
 - a. 3.1 Provide Watershed Education
 - b. 3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration
 - c. 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development
 - d. 3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests
 - e. 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management
 - f. 3.13 Promote Dark Skies
- C. 50th Anniversary of CT's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act**
 - a. CT DEEP IWA Training
- D. The Last Green Valley Water Quality Monitoring Program**

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Soares shared the RBV, Riffle Bioassessment Volunteer program:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Water-Monitoring/Riffle-Bioassessment-by-Volunteers-RBV>
- Kessel provided an update from the Advisory Board for the Connecticut Water.
- Davis suggested Conservation Commission provide a paragraph on water topics to be included in Town communications

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were noted:

- Staff Update
 - grant to improve awareness and safety for recreational trails
 - contract to analyze and inform Eagleville Pond aquatic invasive management
 - Parks and Rec master plan in the works
 - ARPA - Town received \$7.5M. Survey distributed for input on how to spend the funds.
- 2/16/2022 Email from Judith Lovdal to Conservation Commission Regarding Agbotic

- Two clarifications were made, 1) the Agbotic permit is not live, and 2) the activity was conducted by the current landowner, not Agbotic. The work by the current landowner has stopped.

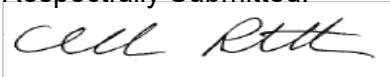
FUTURE MEETINGS

- Review of upcoming agenda items
 - Sustainable CT
 - IWA Referrals
 - Update on Zoning Regulations

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 16, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "CWR RTH", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Chadwick Rittenhouse
Secretary