

West Hartford Conservation and Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019
Town Hall, Room 314

Members Present: Stefanie Keohane, Ted Newton, Emilee Mooney Scott, Emily Sexton, Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki, Liz Wilcox

The Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
Newton moved to adopt the August 26th minutes, Scott seconded

New Business:

- 36 Ferncliff Drive (IWW # 1118) – **CEC was not able to access plans for the proposal.** Jason Levesque (homeowner) proposed a single family home on 36 Ferncliff Drive. Levesque is not requesting an amendment of the wetlands map. The southeast corner of the lot is in the 150 foot upland review area. According to Levesque, the final grading of the property will occur in the easterly portion, which appears to be adjacent to wetlands. The applicant submitted a letter explaining the unpermitted removal of trees. Notably, the site plan includes a permanent underground storage tank for run-off.

New Initiatives

- Catherine Diviney, West Hartford energy specialist and Sustainable CT coordinator, spoke to the Commission about:
 - Sustainable CT and (1) the availability of matching grants for community projects overseen by residents and non-profits and (2) opportunities for CEC to earn points toward the town's 2020 certification goal. Diviney suggested potential fits for CEC could be action two (Well-Stewarded Land & Natural Resources), particularly providing education on water conservation—possibly in conjunction with the Metropolitan District (MDC)-- and action seven (Strategic and Inclusive Public Service), particularly training municipal commissions. If members attend training opportunities, they should contact Diviney with the date and time.
 - opportunities for CEC to coordinate with other West Hartford commissions; the Clean Energy Commission is scheduled **for Monday, January 27 at 7 in room 422** and CEC was invited to their meeting. It was discussed that it may be within CEC's purview to address recycling, waste, and natural gas emissions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

