

**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED  
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**VIRTUAL MEETING VIEWING INSTRUCTIONS:**

The public hearing and meeting will be conducted exclusively as virtual meeting in accordance with the Town Plan and Zoning Commission Rules and Regulations for the Transaction of Business and Executive Orders No. 7B and 7I issued by Governor Ned Lamont. The public hearings will be broadcast live on television on West Hartford Community Interactive Comcast Channel 5 and Frontier TV Channel 6098 and streamed live at [www.whctv.org](http://www.whctv.org).

1. Call to Order and Attendance @ 7:06pm

Present: Rick Bush, Matt Macunas, Ted Newton, Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki, Emilee Scott

2. Old Business

- Approval of minutes from May 24 – motion by Newton, second by Scott
- Sustainability Advisory Group, update from Newton
  - In pursuit of Sustainable CT silver certification, the Town could benefit from having commission members attend trainings related to their purview (e.g., inland wetlands, zoning, environment, etc.)
    - This training can be independent, or perhaps accomplished as a group during the course of a meeting
- Discussion and action on the West Hartford Climate Emergency Resolution proposal from West Hartford students from May 24 meeting
  - CEC deliberated on 1) providing input to the students and the manner and scope that should be offered; and 2) whether to take an action on the resolution to provide CEC's formal endorsement of its spirit and intent.
  - The CEC primarily supports the resolution as satisfying key elements of the CEC's mission to protect environmental integrity.
  - CEC encouraged youth environmental groups to continue their civic engagement.
  - The resolution's concept of creating an as-named Climate Change Commission could be harmonious and complementary to CEC activities and scope.

- UConn property neighborhood updates
  - Bush advanced views on keeping some element of site use available to Town-oriented development regardless of the property buyer, through regulatory flexibility on the east side of the Trout Brook lot (e.g., for a sports complex).

3. Adjournment motioned by Scott, seconded by Newton @ 8:00pm