CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: VIA ZOOM MEETING, INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BELOW

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Non-Agenda Items):

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Plan of Conservation & Development, Chapter 4 - Conservation Strategies, Natural Resource Preservation:

2. Report - Working Farmland Preservation Program:

3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program:

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 21-22 Budget & Expenditure Update.
2. Approval of the November 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Approved 2022 meeting schedule.
5. Correspondence:
   a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee – Monthly agenda/minutes.
   b. CT DEEP Notice of Tentative Decision – Oakridge Dairy, LLC.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022

Instructions to attend remotely via Zoom Meeting listed below. The agenda is posted on the Town’s webpage (www.ellington-ct.gov) under Agenda & Minutes, Conservation Commission.

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| 4                | 10            | 162-016-0000   | 479 Somers Road   | Schneider, Dana (formerly Arenas) | 58    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Almost entirely within A Natural Diversity Database (NDBb) blob |}
| 5                | 12            | 123-005-0000   | 153 Porter Road   | Butler, Robert              | 63    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Adjacent to existing trails; Fronts on Porter  |
| 6                | 10            | 123-007-0000   | Porter Road       | Gerber, Mary Ann (formerly Schneider) | 18    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Partially in NDBb blob; Supports White Dot Trail  |
| 7                | 9             | 144-009-0001   | Porter Road       | Decare, Edward & Christian  | 17    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Entirely within a NDBb blob |}
| 8                | 13            | 105-001-0000   | Kibbe Road        | Gerardi, Joseph V & Ann Colan | 107   | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F / A         | Y                                | Partially within a NDBb blob; Fronts on Porter & Adjacent to White Dot Trail  |
| 9                | 9             | 143-010-0000   | Porter Road       | Mazzese, Alberta            | 3     | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Entirely within a NDBb blob; Supports Soapstone Loop C |}
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| 11               | 6             | 144-002-0000   | Porter Road       | Luekinghal, et al           | 15    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Entirely within a NDBb blob; Fronts on Porter & Supports Shenipit Blue Trail  |
| 12               | 4             | 144-003-0000   | Porter Road       | Luekinghal, et al           | 5     | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Entirely within a NDBb blob; Fronts on Porter  |
| 13               | 9             | 182-024-0001   | 501 Somers Road   | Perczek, Kathleen           | 92    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Partially in NDBb blob; Adjacent to existing trails  |
| 14               |               |                |                   |                             |       |        |                       |                      |                   |                                  |                                                |
| 15               | 7             | 191-001-0000   | Somers Road       | Hyde, Robert E E Est        | 20    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | Y                                | Entirely within a NDBb blob |}
| 16               | 8             | 139-002-0001   | Somers Road       | Charles, Peter J & Verna A  | 49    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | N                                | Partially within a NDBb blob |}
| 17               | 8             | 139-002-0001   | Somers Road       | Charles, Peter J & Verna A  | 26    | RAR    | OS                    | Shenipit Lake/Forest | V / F             | N                                | Fronts on Rte 83 |}
| 18               | 10            | 112-041-0000   | 19 Lord Road      | Palmer et al                | 34.05 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | NDDIS, power lines |}
| 19               | 9             | 134-002-0000   | River Road        | Roman, Ronald et al         | 54.8  | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | NDDIS, power lines |}
| 20               | 5             | 132-004-0000   | 4 Tolland Turnpike | Zottola, Barbara            | 17.75 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | 700+ road frontage |}
| 21               | 9             | 133-002-0000   | 25 Tolland Turnpike | Lohaf, John P               | 26.61 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | Tolland Waterway |}
| 22               | 9             | 133-003-0000   | 17 Tolland Turnpike | Neuman, Jack                | 31.86 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | 1 removed |}
| 23               | 15            | 140-004-0000   | 108 Webster Road   | Wanzel, Harry & Kristen (Pickard) | 52.12 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | Charters Brook; Flood Zone |}
| 24               | 15            | 152-006-0000   | 13 Sandy Beach     | Yonan, Charlene Ann & Darlene Ann | 25.1  | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | Wetland |}
| 25               | 15            | 152-007-0000   | 38 Sandy Beach     | Yonan, Charlene Ann & Darlene Ann | 15.89 | RAR    | OS                    | V / F               |                   |                                  | 1 removed |}
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**TOWN OF ELLINGTON**

**OPEN SPACE RANKING SYSTEM**

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Known Uses / Liabilities (demolition, contamination, maintenance, etc.)

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This document is intended to be used as a guide in evaluating potential open space land and is non-binding.

APPROVED BY CC 9/8/09
26 & 38 Sandy Beach Road

25.1 acres

26 Sandy Beach

15.84 acres

38 Sandy Beach

Print map scale is approximate. Critical layout or measurement activities should not be done using this resource.

Property Information
Property ID: 152 000 0000
Location: 26 SANDY BEACH RD
Owner: YOVAN CHARLENE ANN + DARLENE ANN

MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT

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Geometry updated: 11/11/2021
Data updated daily
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End of Report
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, 7:00 PM
IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

PRESENT: IN PERSON: REGULAR MEMBER ROBERT ZIELFELDER AND ALTERNATE ANN HARFORD; ZOOM ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN REBECCA QUARNO, AND REGULAR MEMBERS LAURIE BURSTEIN (ARRIVED AT 7:22 PM), SEAN DWYER AND JAMES GAGE.

ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID BIDWELL, REGULAR MEMBER GEORGE NICKERSON, AND ALTERNATE JESSICA FAY.

STAFF: IN PERSON: LISA HOULIHAN, TOWN PLANNER AND ACTING RECORDING CLERK.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Quarno called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Non-Agenda Items): Ellington resident and UCONN student (Katrina) was present to observe the meeting.

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Plan of Conservation and Development: Chapter 4 – Conservation Strategies, Natural Resource Preservation
   a. Review & Update List of Priority Parcels for Farmland and Open Space

      Five properties from the list of priority parcels were reviewed and scored using the Open Space Ranking form. The parcels are generally located in the eastern panhandle section of Ellington.

      Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, will update the list and provide GIS printouts for more parcels for review next month.

2. Report - Working Farmland Preservation Program:

   There was nothing new to report at this time.

3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program:
   a. Discuss potential open space parcel, rear land of 60 Webster Road, Assessor Parcel Number 126-001-0000, in a Rural Agricultural Residential (RAR) Zone.
The Commission discussed the MLS listing for the property setting a sale price of $325,000. Realtor Tricia Schuiten of Realty Connection approached the First Selectman’s Office about the Town purchasing the property for open space and was referred to the Planning Department.

Commissioner Gage recently hiked the property. The property is steep and does not have access to public sewer or water. It’s densely wooded and not conducive to development. There’s a woods road on the property from Webster Road to the Shenipsit State Forest.

Commissioners discussed the MLS listing and agreed the asking price is too high. It’s possible the Town and Northern Connecticut Land Trust could partner to preserve the land but at a significantly lesser price than the current listing.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 21-22 Budget Expenditure Update
   An updated budget expenditure report was reviewed.

2. Approval of the October 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes

   **MOVED (DWYER) SECONDED (ZIELFELDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2021, AS WRITTEN.**

3. Approval of 2022 meeting schedule

   Ms. Houlihan explained the draft 2022 meeting schedule reflects meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and asked commissioners if they could accommodate meeting on the second Tuesday instead. Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month provides an additional week to refer open space proposals associated with subdivision applications accepted by the Planning and Zoning Commission and accommodates technical staff coverage. Commissioners agreed they could accommodate meeting on the second Tuesday, but tabled discussion to next month to discuss the potential change with commissioners that were not present.

4. Correspondence:
   a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee – Monthly agenda/minutes
   b. Connecticut Land Conservation Council 2021 Updates & Highlights
   c. Letter from the CT Land Conservation Council

V. ADJOURNMENT:

   **MOVED (HARFORD) SECONDED (ZIELFELDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:02 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Houlihan, Acting Recording Clerk
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2022 MEETING SCHEDULE
*All meetings are generally held in the Town Hall Annex at 7:00 PM*
Second Tuesday of each month

1/11
2/08
3/08
4/12
5/10
6/14
7/12
8/09
9/13
10/11
11/08
12/13
Call to Order
Linda Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Citizens’ Forum
Erin Stavens shared Trolley Line Records and maps from 1883 and 1884. She also shared Wanat Senior Conservation Area trail information from Tolland, CT.

Approval of Minutes
A. October 6, 2021
MOVED (VAN ZELM), SECONDED (MCCORMICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.

Old Business
A. Fall Festival at Historical Society
Ms. Manfre, Ms. McLaughlin, and Ms. Wambolt-Gulick provided a recap of The Committee’s involvement of the event. Everything went well and the event was well attended. The Committee provided crosstown trail information, which was well received and responded to. Contact information was collected from many interested in helping out. Extra hardouts have been sent to the library for the community, along with bike flyers.
B. Emergency Sign Update for Kimball

Tom Palshaw presented updates on the emergency signage planned for the Ellington trails. The signs have been approved and submitted for printing. Some minor format changes have been made, but there were no data changes overall.

Mr. Palshaw reviewed Kimball trail information and proposed changes as follows:
- Make connection to Hopkins more obvious by K6.
- Add a parallel by the road.
- At K4 add a trail from 140 to K4 as an emergency access point.
- On map, note that trails are rocky & vertical

MOVED (MCCORMICK) SECONDED (ANDERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SIGNAGE FOR KIMBALL TRAIL.

C. Hockanum River Association Report

Mr. Palshaw provided an update which included the following recommendations of maintenance:
- Swamp Bridge is rotting out, and while it is currently safe, it should be considered for maintenance next year.
- Spur Trail Bridge should be made longer and higher so that it is more sustainable against rain water flooding/runoff.
- Bridge behind pond is no longer level, and therefore should be addressed in the coming year.
- Franklin Bridge was moved due to rain water flooding/runoff. This will need to be improved with structural changes or fill. Ms. Anderson suggested that perhaps the Committee can reach out to the Eagle Scouts for help on this project.
- Add wood chips to fill in muddy spots or heavily rooted areas throughout the trail.

Material plans for these changes have not yet been assessed. Ms. Anderson recommended that Ms. Amsel be included in the process. Mr. Dinnie suggested some design ideas for sustainable bridges. Mr. Palshaw outlined and shared some ideas as well.

Ms. Anderson mentioned that there have been local businesses, such as The Y or Key Bank, interested in helping/sponsoring community projects, and it was recommended that the Committee continue to pursue such opportunities.

The budget process will begin in January, where the Committee will continue to review and plan for maintenance projects.

V. New Business

A. New Maps

Ms. van Zelm discussed updating the Committee’s system for mapping trails. The old system had an overall map with Ellington trails combined with Northern CT Land Trust maps. The idea of using QR codes on trail signs was suggested. Ms. Anderson and others spoke favorably of the idea of individual maps and emergency signage being available.
Mr. Palshaw noted that Northern CT Land Trust emergency information is also available for residents. Ms. Anderson asked if the Committee feels we should continue to include Northern CT Land Trust information alongside our information. The Committee agreed that this practice should be continued.

Ms. Anderson suggested that the Committee create brochures of the available trails. Mr. Radziwon suggested creating a town wide map with QR codes available for individual trails. Members of the Committee noted that putting trail information online could be challenging, as that isn’t something the Committee directly controls.

Ms. Anderson suggested that the Committee put together the online information that should be about the trails and put it forward to be included on the Town website, perhaps adding more detailed trail information to the current Parks & Rec webpage.

It was suggested that Mr. Radziwon and Ms. van Zelm reach out to Julia Connor concerning website updates. Ms. van Zelm will plan to draft an action plan for the updating of trail maps. Updating of trail maps in the coming year should also include updating the Windermere Kiosk map, Metcalf Trail, and Kimball Trail.

Mr. Dinnie suggested the idea of including trail ratings in the maps. The Committee discussed this idea favorably.

**B. December Meeting**

This meeting has been cancelled.

**C. Letterboxes**

Ms. Manfre brought up the idea of letterboxes. She noted that there is already one letterbox at the Batz Trail and one at the Kimball Trail. The Committee asked for clarification of Letterboxing, and Ms. Manfre explained that it is an activity where people can follow clues to find a box that has been hidden in the area. Anyone can do them, and they can be found by accessing Letterboxing North America’s website.

**VI. Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Treasurer**

Ms. McLaughlin reported that there is $6,232.89 remaining in the budget. This money may be used towards bridge improvements and repair, the Crystal Trail project, educational programs (through June) and can be used towards updating maps and signage.

Ms. van Zelm clarified a past due bill, which was noted by Ms. McLaughlin.

**B. Planning & Development**

Ms. Anderson has set the date for November 26th (rain date of November 27th) at 10:00 am for Committee members to walk Crystal Lake with Rachel Dearborn to give Committee members a chance to see the property and map the trail. It is with hope that this will allow the Committee to begin necessary steps to establish and improve existing trails in the area in the coming months.
C. Maintenance

Ms. Anderson reported that the Committee has cleaned and stored signs. It was noted that a bench was stolen and that there are signs that need to be replaced. Ms. McCormick noted that a bridge at Kimball Trail, which had been dislodged in storms, has been put back. Ms. Anderson recommended that Ms. Amsel and Mr. Palshaw review the recommended maintenances.

D. Community Outreach

Ms. Anderson discussed the upcoming Trails Newsletter. She stated that the Bobcat talk and the Crosstown Bike Trail should be included. She also noted that the Bobcat talk was very popular and the Committee should consider setting up another one. Ms. Anderson also spoke about the upcoming “Winterfest” that the Committee is participating in. The Committee expressed confusion over the name, stating that the town already has a similar activity with a similar name. The Committee agreed to update the name of the activity.

VII. Adjournment

MOVED (ANDERSON), SECONDED (MCLAUGHLIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:01 PM.

Prepared by Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Secretary

Submitted by Julia Connor
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION
INTENT TO ISSUE A STATE PERMIT AND A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE
FOLLOWING DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

TENTATIVE DECISION
The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a tentative decision to issue a permit based on an application submitted by Oakridge Dairy, LLC ("the applicant") under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a permit to discharge into the waters of the state.

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative decision that the proposed system to treat the discharge will protect the waters of the state from pollution and the Commissioner proposes to issue a permit for the discharges to the surface and groundwaters in the Broad Brook watershed.

The proposed permit, if issued by the Commissioner, will require the proper management and treatment of agricultural waste, agricultural wastewater, digestate, and stormwater from all production areas to meet applicable effluent requirements.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL
Oakridge Dairy, LLC proposes to discharge stormwater associated with its existing dairy farm operation and manure handling systems to the surface and groundwaters in the Broad Brook watershed.

The name and mailing address of the permit applicant are:
Oakridge Dairy, LLC
76 Jobs Hill Road
Ellington, CT 06029

The proposed discharge activities will take place at:
The existing dairy farm facilities at 11 and 33 Jobs Hill Road, 115 Meadow Brook Road, and 8 Hoffman Road, Ellington, CT

REGULATORY CONDITIONS

Type of Treatment
Treatment is composed of stormwater detention and retention structures and vegetated treatment areas. In addition, Best Management Practices, including existing and proposed covered manure storage, shall be implemented in accordance with the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan received by the Department on April 9, 2021, and additional documents received September 7, 2021.

Effluent Limitations
This permit contains effluent limitations consistent with Best Available Technology and a Case-by-Case Determination using the criteria of Best Professional Judgement which will protect the waters of the state from pollution when all the conditions of this permit have been met.

Compliance Schedule
This permit contains an enforceable compliance schedule which requires the applicant to submit plans and specifications for an upgrade of the bunk silage leachate and stormwater control system for the feed storage area at the Main Facility, and implementation of the approved plans. The Permittee is also required to submit a comprehensive report documenting the quantities of separated manure solids produced after anaerobic digestion in
excess of bedding needs and other solid manures generated to identify and implement a preferred long term solid manure management practice.

**COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY**
The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection is authorized to approve or deny such permits pursuant to section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251, et. seq. and section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Water Discharge Permit Regulations (section 22a-430-3 and 4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies).

**INFORMATION REQUESTS**
The application has been assigned the following numbers by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Please use these numbers when corresponding with this office regarding this application.

APPLICATION NO. 202104694 PERMIT ID NO. CT0030801

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from DYMAR Corp, 800 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488, (203) 267-1046. Contact person: Mark Lancer melancer@dymarine.com

The application is available for inspection by contacting Joseph Wettemann (860) 424-3025 or joseph.wettemann@ct.gov, at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 from 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Any interested person may request in writing that his or her name be put on a mailing list to receive notice of intent to issue any permit to discharge to the surface waters of the state. Such request may be for the entire state or any geographic area of the state and shall clearly state in writing the name and mailing address of the interested person and the area for which notices are requested.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
Prior to making a final decision to approve or deny any application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons that are received within 30 days of this public notice. Written comments should be directed via mail to Joseph Wettemann, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 or via email to joseph.wettemann@ct.gov. The Commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying an application if in the Commissioner's discretion the public interest will be best served thereby, and shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Notice of any public hearing shall be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Petitions for a hearing shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this public notice and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions should also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. In order to facilitate the filing of requests for hearing during the COVID-19 emergency and consistent with the Department’s Temporary Directive, the Office of Adjudications will accept electronically-filed petitions in addition to petitions submitted by mail. Petitions with required signatures may be filed by email to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or mailed to the DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Within thirty (30) days of filing the petition, original petitions that were filed electronically must also be mailed to the Office at the above-noted address. If the original petition exists only in electronic format or signatures were produced using a computer or typewriter, the petition must be submitted with a statement bearing the wet-ink signature of the petitioner that the petition is only available in that format and has been submitted to satisfy the requirement that an original petition be filed. If a hearing is held, timely
notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep. Additional information can be found at www.ct.gov/deep/adaindications.

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Oswald Inglese, Jr., Director  
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division  
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance  

November 29, 2021  
Date