

STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND INCORPORATED 1786

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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:
 - Review of Plan of Conservation for potential updates to Chapter 2 Protected Land Inventory and Table 1.
 - b. Review & Update List of Priority Parcels for Farmland and Open Space.
 - 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 February 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes.
- 3. Correspondence:
 - a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee Monthly agenda/minutes.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 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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Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88214747873

Meeting ID: 882 1474 7873

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The total area of Ellington is approximately 22,138 acres. Approximately 16% of this area is currently protected. Through "The Green Plan: Guiding Land Acquisition and Protection in Connecticut 2007-2012", the State of Connecticut has established a statutory goal of protecting 21% of Connecticut land area as open space by 2023. Of this, 10% is to be acquired by the state and the remaining 11% is to be acquired by municipalities, land trust, and other conservation organizations. These goals exclude farmland that is protected only by conservation easements since public access is not allowed.



As of early 2014, the state has reached 88% of their goal in Ellington, but only 58% of the municipality's goal has been achieved. The town's land protection program is way behind schedule. More than 125 acres per year will have to be protected if Ellington is to meet the 2023 goal. If Ellington is to retain its rural character, a much larger area must be protected. The map in Figure 1 shows the location of the most significant areas of protected open space in Ellington (NOTE: An electronic version of the Figure 1 map can be located at: http://www.mapgeo.com/ellingtonct/ or by typing in "mapgeo ellington ct" in almost any internet browser). An inventory is summarized in Table 1.

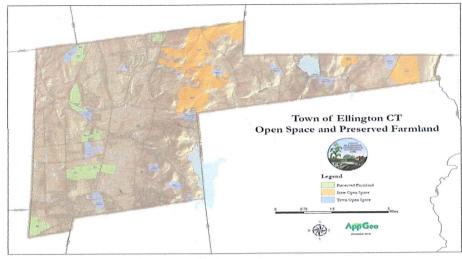


Figure 1 - Protected open space

Table 1 - Significant areas of open space and recreational assets in Ellington.

INVENTORY OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS

(NOT INCLUDING GOLF COURSES AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS) OWNER AREA (ac.) DESCRIPTION Pinney and Windermere (Including Pinney Street Fields) Town 67.71 Carriage Hill Open Space Town 18.51 Crystal Ridge Estates Open Space Town 47.89 Crystal View 35.3 Town 29.5 Town Ellington Highlands Open Space 8.3 Rising Acres II Open Space Town 8 Tripp Road Open Space Town 4.62 Town Mosley Plains Open Space 3.46 Town High Ridge Open Space 3.18 Hatheway Road Town 1.6 Sunset Hill - Town Access Town 44.86 **Batz Properties** Town 55.61 Kimball Forest Town Meadow Brook Estates Open Space Town 15.26 Metcalf Nature Preserve Town 15.63 Town 6.64 Stagecoach Crossing Open Space Town 73.32 "T" Properties 3.3 Arbor Park Town 41.42 Brookside Park Town 7.23 Town Sandy Beach 0.24 Crystal Lake Memorial Park Town 3.16 Porter Road Highlands Town 19.18 Other Town Unimproved Open Lands Town 8.55 Properties Taken In Lieu of Taxes Town 522.47 Subtotal Sunset Hill Land Trust 14 Land Trust 56.01 Swann Farm Joy Property Land Trust 6.86 Land Trust 30 Shenipsit Woods Ernie Boothroyd Preserve Land Trust 58 Audubon 6.67 Bird Sanctuary 171.54 Subtotal PDR 68.6 Way Farm PDR 171.09 Culbro Farm Burke Farm PDR 119 5 Pinney Farm PDR 70.59 Myers Farm PDR/Land Trust Dzen Farm POR 22.25 PDR 97.32 Silverhurst/Foster Farm Silverhurst/Foster/Thrall Farm **PDR** 20.57 PDR 43.39 Charter Farm PDR 20.79 Pease Farm PDR McKnight Farm 763.029 Subtotal 1396.92 State Shenipsit State Forest 361.21 State Nye Holman State Forest 87.93 Bradway Reservoir State 4.69 Boat Launch, Crystal Lake Subtotal 1850.75 Crystal Lake 175.51 Shenipsit Lake 170.91 346.42 Subtotal 3654.209 TOTAL =

^{*}Included in open space totals

INVENTORY OF OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS

(NOT INCLUDING GOLF COURSES AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS)

(NOT INCLUDING GOLF COURSES AND CONSERVATION EASEM DESCRIPTION	OWNER	AREA (ac.)
Pinney and Windermere (Including Pinney Street Fields)	Town	67.71
Carriage Hill Open Space	Town	18.51
	Town	47.89
Crystal Ridge Estates Open Space	Town	35.3
Crystal View	Town	29.5
Ellington Highlands Open Space	Town	8.3
Rising Acres II Open Space		8
Tripp Road Open Space	Town	
Mosley Plains Open Space	Town	4.62
High Ridge Open Space	Town	3.46
Hatheway Road	Town	3.18
Sunset Hill - Town Access	Town	1.6
Batz Properties	Town	44.86
Kimball Forest	Town	55.61
Meadow Brook Estates Open Space	Town	15.26
Metcalf Nature Preserve	Town	15.63
Stagecoach Crossing Open Space	Town	6.64
"T" Properties	Town	73.32
Arbor Park	Town	3.3
Brookside Park	Town	41.42
Sandy Beach	Town	7.23
	Town	0.24
Crystal Lake Memorial Park	Town	3.16
Porter Road Highlands	Town	20.18
Other Town Unimproved Open Lands		8.55
Properties Taken In Lieu of Taxes Subtotal	Town	523.47
	Land Turak	
Bellante (Sandy Beach Road)	Land Trust	35.76
Wraight (Webster Road)	Land Trust	116.43
Pearl	Land Trust	11.78
Sunset Hill	Land Trust	14
Swann Farm	Land Trust	56.01
Joy Property	Land Trust	6.86
Shenipsit Woods	Land Trust	30
Ernie Boothroyd Preserve	Land Trust	58
Bird Sanctuary	Audubon	6.67
Subtotal		335.51
Way Farm	PDR	68.6
Culbro Farm	PDR	171.09
Burke Farm	PDR	119
Pinney Farm	PDR	5
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Myers Farm*	PDR	22.25
Dzen Farm	PDR	97.32
Silverhurst/Foster Farm		20.57
Silverhurst/Foster/Thrall Farm	PDR	43.39
Charter Farm	PDR	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
Pease Farm	PDR	20.79
McKnight Farm	PDR	124.429
Bahler Farm	PDR	125.785
Oakridge Dairy Farm (Jobs Hill Road)	PDR	51.82
Wraight Farm	PDR/CFT	36.62
Subtotal		977.254
Shenipsit State Forest	State	1396.92
Nye Holman State Forest	State	361.21
Bradway Reservoir	State	87.93
Boat Launch, Crystal Lake	State	4.69
Subtotal		1850.75
Crystal Lake		175.51
Shenipsit Lake		170.91
Subtotal		346.42
	TOTAL =	4033.404

^{*}Included in open space totals



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Town Planner Expenditure

To Date: 2/28/2022

From Date: 2/1/2022

Fiscal Year: 2021 - 2022				i i		Enclimbrance	Budget Bal	%Bud
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1000.02.00270.20.80341	Office copplies—Conservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
1000.02.002/0.30.50341 Department: Co	Online Subjustance Consortation Commission - O0270	\$3,025.00	\$130.00	\$260.00	\$2,765.00	\$0.00	\$2,765.00	91.40 %
Grand Total:		\$297,777.00	\$19,479.64	\$189,965.21	\$107,811.79	\$0.00	\$107,811.79	36.21%

End of Report

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT REMOTE ATTENDANCE: ZOOM MEETING (ATTENDEES BELOW WERE IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

PRESENT: Remote Attendance: Chairman Rebecca Quarno, Regular Members George

Nickerson, Sean Dwyer, James Gage, Laurie Burstein, and Alternate Jessica

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ABSENT: Vice Chairman David Bidwell, Regular Member Robert Zielfelder and

Alternate Ann Harford

STAFF: Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner and Remote Attendance: Nathaniel Trask,

Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Rebecca Quarno called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Non-Agenda Items): None

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

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

Ms. Houlihan indicated that she audited the open space ranking forms that the commission went through. She presented a map of Green Road and talked about possibilities for open space initiatives and farmland preservation in the area. Ms. Houlihan said the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee is looking to work on a long-term plan for a cross-town trail from South Windsor to the Somers line along the power lines. Parcels to the west of Green Road are vacant and most of the road is unimproved.

Ms. Houlihan asked the committee their interest in approaching the property owners to the west of Green Road for a large-scale open space purchase for use by the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee. Chairman Quarno stated that it may be important to initiate a conversation with the First Selectman about purchasing the land from property owners in the area if the committee agreed to pursue such a matter. Ms. Houlihan stated the properties could be preserved through open space purchase or sale of development rights. At the committees' approval, Ms. Houlihan said she would

talk to the First Selectman about purchasing some properties to the west of Green Road through the Open Space Fund or the Farmland Preservation Fund.

Commissioner Nickerson asked what the circles on the Green Road Parcel Map were for. Ms. Houlihan said that the blobs were from the National Diversity Database and were to indicate that the area contains animals that are endangered, threatened and species of special concern. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection decide which species of animal meet the criteria to be in one of these three categories in the specified area.

2. Report - Working Farmland Preservation Program:

Ms. Houlihan reported that the second farm of Oakridge Dairy, LLC is yet to close. She asked the Department of Agriculture when the closing is anticipated to occur and will update the commission when a response is received.

Chairman Quarno asked if any other landowners have expressed interest in preserving their land. Ms. Houlihan confirmed no other farmland preservation applications are pending, and noted it's been a while since a letter of interest was mailed to landowners. Commissioners agreed to coordinate a direct mailer after the closing for Oakridge Dairy Farm 1. Chairman Quarno suggested testimonials be sought from farms that have gone through the program and to include their comments in the direct mailer.

3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program:

There is nothing new to report currently.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 20-21 Budget Expenditure Update

Ms. Houlihan reported that the budget process was changing for the budget year effective July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. The Board of Finance requested that the commission go through a zero-based budget, which will require the justification of each line item on the budget. To conform to the zero-based budget, she suggested that the commission budget how much they will donate to conservation boards at the end of each budget year, which was previously calculated based on the remaining balance. In fiscal year 2021, \$525 was donated to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, the Northern Connecticut Land Trust, and the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee. In 2019-2020 there were no donations to conservation boards by the commission due to the repairs to a suspended bridge on a trail near the Vernon Sewer Plant. In fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the commission donated \$430 to the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee.

Ms. Houlihan asked the commission what they would like to budget for donations for this current budget year. Commissioner Dwyer said that \$500 would be appropriate since the donations help the town. Ms. Amsel said that the overall budget for the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee is about \$8,000. One of the largest expenses the committee has is the annual October Trail of Treats, although the event was not held the past two years due to COVID-19. Ms. Amsel indicated that \$500 would help the committee meet their budget goals.

The commission unanimously agreed that they would like to budget to donate \$500 to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee. Ms. Houlihan will present the budget proposal to the Board of Finance.

2. Approval of the January 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes

MOVED (DWYER) SECONDED (NICKERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

3. Correspondence:

a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee - Monthly agenda/minutes

Ms. Amsel addressed the commission. She said that a woman is doing presentations at the Ellington Senior Center on various topics including birdwatching and animals. Ms. Amsel also indicated that one of the projects of the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee will be to update the trail maps.

b. Northern Connecticut Land Trust Annual Report

Ms. Houlihan shared that the town received the Northern Connecticut Land Trust Annual Report for 2021-2022.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

MOVED (DWYER) SECONDED (FAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:45 PM.

Nathaniel Trask	Recording Clerk

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Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

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CHAIRMAN LINDA ANDERSON

VICE CHAIRMAN CYNTHIA VAN ZELM

SECRETARY
DEANNA WAMBOLT-GULICK

VALERIE AMSEL PAM MCCORMICK JUDI MANFRE ANN MCLAUGHLIN KEN RADZIWON LARRISSA BURKE

Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee Regular Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022 Town Hall Annex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Anderson, Ann McLaughlin, Cynthia van Zelm, Valerie Amsel, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Judi Manfre, Larrissa Burke, Pam McCormick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Radziwon

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Dinnie

I. Call to Order

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She reintroduced Larrissa Burke, a new member of the Committee.

II. Citizens' Forum: No citizens wished to be heard.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 5, 2022

MOVED (MANFRE), SECONDED (MCCORMICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

IV. Old Business

- A. New Maps Update: There was no new information to share at this time.
- **B.** Hockanum River Association Report: Mr. Palshaw was not present to share a report at this time.
- C. Crosstown Bike Trail Update

Ms. Anderson shared that South Windsor is encountering difficulties with their crosstown bike trail plans. This difficulty has been attributed to some changes in the management of Eversource,

lessening the consistency in the contact person for this project. They are still working towards the trail.

D. Crystal Ridge Update

Ms. Anderson reminded the Committee that the plans for creating a Crystal Ridge trail will come before the Board of Selectmen on February 14th. She also mentioned that there is an Eagle Scout, Mr. Zachary McTighe, interested in helping with the project. His help could include the bridge, a kiosk, and benches.

Ms. Amsel asked if Mr. McTighe would generate his own designs for these items, or if the Committee would need to create them. Ms. Anderson said that Mr. McTighe would be creating the plans, though the Committee would be available to offer support. Ms. Amsel also asked if Mr. McTighe would be generating funds for items he created. Ms. Anderson confirmed that he would be responsible for fundraising, but that the Committee could contribute as well.

V. New Business

A. Conservation Commission Report - Val Amsel

Ms. Amsel provided the Committee with an update from the Conservation Commission. She shared that they went over various parcels of land to evaluate if there was interest in purchasing them. Ms. Anderson stated that all would have the potential for trails.

Ms. Amsel said that there are eight parcels that are being evaluated, but clarified that this is all very preliminary. Ms. Anderson added that the Conservation Commission is looking at parcels that aren't developed and are unlikely to be developed in the future. Most parcels being evaluated are privately owned, so the process could take a while if the Conservation Commission decided to move forward on any. Ms. Anderson added that there is more information available in the Conservation Commission minutes about the parcels being considered

Ms. Amsel shared that the Committee was asked about the Stein/Moser property, which is a property which has been held for two years due to consideration as a site for disc golf. The Conservation Commission would like to see trails added, and has voted against using it as a site for disc golf. There appears to be low interest in developing the property for disc golf at this time, due to the slow progress of this project. If there is interest in this project in the future, there are other parcels available, ones which would likely be more suitable.

Mr. Dinnie asked about the Wildlife Conservation stance on adding disc golf to the property. Ms. Amsel and Ms. Anderson confirmed that the wildlife of the area is not conducive to disc golf. Ms. van Zelm asked about the parking impact for adding trails versus adding disc golf. Ms. Anderson said the parking impact for trails would be minimal. The Committee wouldn't need to add more than the current space available, whereas there would likely be a higher impact if adding disc golf to the site.

A motion was made to support the development of trails on the Stein/Moser property, and the Committee will take the lead in developing the property. It is the Committee's opinion that this is the best way to protect wildlife and limit impact to the neighborhood.

MOVED (VAN ZELM) SECONDED (AMSEL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATEMENT.

B. Stein/Moser

Ms. Anderson shared an update on the Stein/Moser property. She stated that she would like to get the Committee out to see the property. Ms. Amsel asked if there are trails on the property. Mr. Dinnie confirmed that there are trails on the property that would just require some cleaning and further establishing. Ms. Anderson asked if there would be bridges required. Mr. Dinnie confirmed that there would need to be bridges made, but that it would be an affordable project with many available materials already. Mr. Dinnie also added that there are some individuals in the nearby neighborhood that would likely help the Committee with its development of the existing trails. Ms. Amsel requested that any trail plans be formalized with the Conservation Commission.

C. Subcommittee Assignments

Ms. Anderson suggested that, with some new members, the subcommittee assignments should be updated and confirmed. The Committee would like to commend its members on their current work in serving on these subcommittees.

The following were suggested, pending approval from all members.

- Treasury: Ms. McLaughlin
- Planning & Development: Ms. Anderson
- Maintenance: Ms. Amsel, Ms. Manfre, Ms. McCormick, Ms. McLaughlin
- Community Outreach: Ms. van Zelm, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Wambolt-Gulick, Mr. Radziwon

D. Calendar of Events

Ms. Anderson led the Committee in going over the calendar of events for the upcoming year, to consider any necessary changes, answer questions, and clarify as needed.

The Calendar was updated to reflect that the Birdwatch Walk will take place on April 30, not the 2nd.

The Committee clarified a few items on the calendar, to include the expected scope of work. Clarifications included cabling and staking the bridge in place at the Kimball Trail, weatherpermitting between March and May, and addressing some bridge issues at Windermere Trail in May.

E. Projects/Goals

Ms. Anderson commended the Committee on the work that has been accomplished. Ms. Amsel echoed this sentiment. Ms. Anderson led the Committee through the Project/Goal list for the upcoming year, answering questions and clarifying items as needed.

Ms. Amsel asked if the Committee should speak to the Town about Item 6 on the list, Wire Fencing to Control Litter at Kimball that comes down from Route 140). Ms. Anderson will confirm.

Ms. van Zelm asked about creating raised beds at Batz. Ms. Anderson said that if the interest returns, that project can move forward. Ms. Anderson also noted that the Committee has five remaining properties to look at and develop. These properties have been held for a while.

Ms. Anderson also added that members of the Committee are working to put up emergency signage at Kimball Trail.

F. Wildlife Cams for Kimball/Batz

Ms. Anderson shared that she has looked into wildlife cams and have found that they are affordable, noting that they are something the Committee has always wanted to add. Ms. Amsel voiced a concern about the amount of maintenance required for the cams. Ms. Anderson said that the maintenance is minimal, and would be great for outreach programs and outreach pages.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Budget Report

Ms. McLaughlin shared a budget report with the Committee, noting total expenses and total budget/revenue. She noted that there is currently \$5,872.89 remaining in the Trails account.

B. Planning & Development

Ms. Anderson reiterated that the current scope of Planning & Development will be focused on developing the Crystal Ridge Trail and the Stein/Moser Property.

C. Maintenance

Ms. Anderson reviewed the maintenance goals, which were outlined and discussed under Projects/Goals.

D. Community Outreach

1. Ginny Apple's Talks

Ms. Anderson shared that she is working to set up more of these events going forward.

2. Drone

Ms. van Zelm shared that she is looking into using drones to map the trails and take photos/videos, at no cost to the Committee. Mr. Dinnie clarified what these would be used for. Ms. Anderson discussed their usefulness on websites and in creating new maps.

VII. Adjournment

MOVED (VAN ZELM), SECONDED (AMSEL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:39 PM.

Prepared by Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Secretary; submitted by

Julia Chanor