

**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - Call to Order at 7:03 pm
 - Present: Emilee Mooney Scott (chairperson), Ted Newton, Kim Hughes, Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki, Emily Sexton, Rick Bush, Jim Fishman, and Shawn Daly (who joined after minutes were approved).

2. Old Business
 - Approval of minutes from March 28, 2022 (motion to approved by Ted Newton, second by Rick Bush, Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki abstained because she had not been present at the March meeting.)

3. New Business
 - Brief discussion on coordination with the Town and other commissions.
 - General discussion of historical and current commission purview and practices.
 - Each commissioner explained why they are on the commission and how they would like to see the commission coordinate with other boards and commissions whose focus is on the environment and sustainability in town.
 - Commissioners agree to invite the members of the Bike Ped Committee and Clean Energy Commission to our meeting on June 27 to discuss processes and purview.

 - Brief discussion on Conservation Commission activities in other towns (e.g., pollinator pathways) and opportunities for engagement in community.
 - Kim Hughes indicated that she has shared examples of pollinator garden projects in other towns, and that Sustainability CT has more information.
 - Ted Newton suggested this is one example of identifying a potential environmental project and asking for Town residents to bring others in front of the commission.
 - Rick Bush offered as another example dealing with raw sewage into Trout Brook and other waterways.

4. Adjournment
 - Chairperson Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41. Rick Bush seconded.