

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022**

PRESENT: **Art Christian, Chairman**
 Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
 Norm John Noble
 Pat Reilly
 Ray Wilcox
 Tom Elmore
 Jessica McCue

CONSULTANT: **Keith Morris**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Consultant Morris read the agenda. Chairman Christian stated that alternate Commissioners McCue and Elmore shall be a voting member in place of Commissioners Krar and Fanous respectively.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Town Planner – Plan of Conservation & Development

Town Planner Bill Hawkins addressed the Commission and presented the Natural Resources and Open Space & Agriculture sections of the proposed Plan of Conservation & Development. He stated this is part of the approval process and welcomes any comments or suggestions the Commission may have. Starting with the Natural Resources section, Mr. Hawkins listed the valuable natural resources in town and ways to protect them. During the presentation on Open Space & Agriculture a discussion followed on farmland preservation and also what rules are applied to town owned open space. Mr. Hawkins stated that he will take all the comments back to the Planning and Zoning Commission and thanked Commission members for their input.

Sunrise Park – Eagle Scout Project – Canoe Rack

Eagle Scout Dylan Holmes presented his project to the Commission. He is planning on constructing a second canoe rack for the park. He stated it will be a similar design to the current rack. He is planning on recruiting 2 or 3 other scouts to help with construction which will be overseen by his father. The project is anticipated to take a couple of days. He is going to solicit donations for the project which will be built using pressure treated wood. After a brief discussion, vice chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to approve the construction of an additional canoe rack by Eagle Scout Dylan Holmes. The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Parks Superintendent Tom O'Brien presented his report to the Commission. He has had some issues with spray paint graffiti at Sunrise Park. A discussion followed on how to address the situation and it was decided that Mr. O'Brien will monitor the situation and report back to the Commission. He stated he has disposed of approximately 6,000 pounds of trash from Sunrise and Stony Brooke Parks so far this summer. A discussion followed on purchasing recycling bins for the park. First Selectman Collin Moll was present and stated that the bins could be paid for by monies from the State's "nip" program from the sale of nips at liquor stores in town. Mr. O'Brien stated that the renovation of the changing huts at the beach is almost complete. Consultant Morris also stated he is contacting the environmental company to schedule a treatment for algae at White's Pond. Mr. O'Brien stated that the highway department has brush hogged the trails at Stony Brooke Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on a situation where a contractor spilled spoils from a well installation as he was transporting them across Town. Commissioner Wilcox stated that he was in contact with the company and they were very apologetic and hired a street sweeper to clean up the problem areas across town. Consultant Morris stated he inspected several areas adjacent to wetlands and did not see any negative impacts to wetland areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2022 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble
Recording Secretary