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INCORPORATED 1786

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

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: Historic Preservation.
 - a. Townwide Historic Resources Inventory.
2. Report - Farmland Preservation Program.
3. Report - Open Space Preservation Program.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 25-26 Budget & Expenditure Update.
2. Approval of September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the 2026 Conservation Commission meeting schedule.
4. Correspondence/Discussion:
 - a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee – Update.
 - b. Northern Connecticut Land Trust – Landmark Newsletter – October 2025.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025

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

Join Zoom Meeting via Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85443818050>
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COMMISSIONERS: TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING QUORUMS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A SCHEDULED MEETING.



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October 7, 2025

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

E2 Project Management LLC
87 Hibernia Avenue
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Project Description: Services – Townwide Historic Resources Inventory - #2025-06 – RFP - 007

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Ellington Board of Selectmen have awarded the contract for the above project to E2 Project Management LLC (hereinafter "Contractor"), based upon the bid dated August 5, 2025, in the amount of \$20,000.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Town's required Contract for this project. Please review the same and promptly let me know if you have any questions. Two (2) copies of the Contract must be signed by a party authorized to sign for and bind Contractor, and returned to the Town within 14 calendar days of this letter, together with the following additional items:

1. Evidence of Insurance in the amounts and in the form set forth in the Invitation to Bid;
2. Corporate resolution, or similar, authorizing execution of the Contract;

Please be advised that the receipt of this Notice of Award does not provide Contractor with any rights and does not impose upon the Town any obligations. The Town is free to withdraw this Notice of Award at any time and for any reason prior to the full execution of the Contract by both Contractor and the Town. Please also be advised that work may not start before the Contract has been fully executed by both Contractor and the Town.

The Project Coordinator for the project is John Colonese. He will be in contact with you once he is informed by the Finance Office that we have all the proper documents in place.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 860-870-3115.

Sincerely,

Felicia LaPlante

Felicia LaPlante
Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer

cc: Bid/RFP Folder
Project Coordinator

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

CONTRACT

Services – Townwide Historic Resources Inventory - #2025-06 – RFP - 007

BY AND BETWEEN

THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON

AND

E2 Project Management LLC

TOWN OF ELLINGTON CONTRACT
Services – Townwide Historic Resources Inventory - #2025-06 – RFP - 007

AGREEMENT made as of the _____ day of _____, 2025, between the Town of Ellington, acting herein by Lori Spielman First Selectman, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, Connecticut 06029, hereinafter referred to as “the Town” and in supplemental documents as “the Owner”, and E2 Project Management LLC with a principal office located at Rockaway, NJ hereinafter referred to as “the Contractor”.

The Project Coordinator is:
John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner

The Town and the Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1:
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.1 The Contract Documents consist of all of the documents listed in Paragraph 1.2. All of the documents form the Agreement between the parties and are as fully a part of the Agreement as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein. The Agreement is the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. An enumeration of the Contract Documents, other than modifications subsequent to this Agreement, are listed in Section 1.2.

1.2 The Contract Documents, except for modifications which may be issued after execution of this Agreement, are:

- (a) This Agreement as executed by the parties;
- (b) The specifications for the work (the “Specifications”);
- (c) The Town of Ellington Request for Proposals, Proposal Requirements, and Instructions to Proposers, including any addenda or additions issued prior to the awarding of the Project Contract;
- (d) The Contractor’s Proposal Form and all documents attached to or included with said proposal without limitation;
 - (i) Contractor’s Qualification Statement;
 - (ii) Non-collusion Affidavit of Contractor;
 - (iii) Affidavit of Compliance with CGS 31-57b
 - (iv) Contractor’s Legal Status Disclosure.
- (e) Insurance Requirements for all Contractors.

- (f) Company Resolution
- (g) Opinion of Contractor's Counsel

ARTICLE 2:
CONTRACT WORK

The Contractor shall provide and furnish competent technical personnel and furnish all labor and materials necessary to perform the following services, as further defined in the "Specifications", hereinafter referred to as "the Work":

[insert description of services to be provided]

ARTICLE 3:
DATES OF COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION & OPTION TO RENEW

3.1 The Contractor shall begin to provide services on or before _____, 2025 and adhere to the time schedule set forth in the Specifications.

ARTICLE 4:
CONTRACT SUM

4.1 The Town shall pay the Contractor for the Contractor's performance of the Agreement at the rates set forth on Contractor's Proposal and in accordance with the terms set forth in the Specifications, both made a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5:
PAYMENT

5.1 Contractor shall submit its bills periodically, but not more frequently than monthly, to the Project Coordinator who shall review the bill and resolve any inconsistencies with the Contractor. Bills shall detail the work performed in accordance with the contracted deliverables. Upon approval of the bill by the Project Coordinator, she shall process the bill for payment in the normal course of bill payments by the Town. Payment will be made within 30 days after Project Coordinator's approval of the bill.

5.2 **WAIVER OF MECHANIC'S LIEN.** In lieu of providing a performance bond, the Contractor hereby waives any mechanic's lien to which it may be entitled and relies solely upon the arbitration provision of this Agreement to resolve any disputes, the good faith of the Town and its ability to make any payment required under the contract or as may be awarded.

ARTICLE 6:
DEFAULT AND REMEDY

6.1 Termination. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor, in the sole discretion of the Town: (a) has failed to perform the Work in a competent and satisfactory manner; (b) has become insolvent; (c) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (d) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; (e) is subject to an involuntary petition in bankruptcy that is not discharged within thirty (30) days; (f) abandons the Work; (g) subcontracts, assigns, transfers, conveys or otherwise disposes of its obligations under the Agreement except as specifically approved by the Town; or (h) fails to comply with any other term or condition contained in the Agreement, the Town shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor.

6.2 Remedies. In the event of a termination of this Agreement by the Town pursuant to Section 6.1 above, the Contractor shall be required to return all sums paid by the Town for the Contract Work that has not been completed at the time of breach and the Town shall be relieved of any further payments hereunder. The Contractor acknowledges that any such breach will cause irreparable damage to the Town, the exact amount of which will be difficult or impossible to ascertain, and that remedies of law for any such breach will be inadequate. Accordingly, the Contractor shall pay the Town, as liquidated damages, the amount of any excess of the price of the new contract over the Contract Sum provided herein, plus any legal or other costs or expenses incurred by the Town in terminating this Agreement and securing a new bid.

ARTICLE 7:
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

7.1 Conflicts. In the event that any provision of any other Contract Document is as inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement as to be mutually exclusive, then the terms of this Agreement shall control.

7.2 Pre-Conditions. The Contractor acknowledges that it has examined, to its satisfaction, all conditions relating to the work to be performed and all Specifications and has not relied upon any oral representation of any Town official or employee concerning site condition or job requirements.

7.3 Knowledge of Laws. The Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with all federal and state laws and all local By-laws, Ordinances and Regulations which in any manner affect those engaged or employed on the Work, or the equipment used in the Work, or in any way affect the conduct or the Work, and no claim of misunderstanding or lack of knowledge of the same will be considered a basis for terminating the Work or amending this Agreement.

7.4 Discrepancies. If, at any time, the Contractor shall determine that there are discrepancies, omissions, ambiguities or conflicts in or among the Contract Documents, or that any provision conflicts with any law, regulation or code, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Coordinator. If the Project Coordinator determines that clarification is necessary, such clarification shall be made in writing as an addendum to this Agreement and shall be signed by the parties. No verbal instructions or interpretations shall be deemed valid.

7.5 Governing Law. This Agreement and any other Contract Document shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of Connecticut. If any provision of this Agreement or any other Contract Document is found to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the same shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement or other Contract Document, which shall remain in effect as if the invalid or unenforceable provision had not been included therein.

7.6 Dispute Resolution. The parties agree that any dispute under this Agreement is to be resolved by binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association before a single arbitrator with any hearing to be held in Tolland County, CT. The Decision of the arbiter shall be binding on the parties and may be submitted to the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Tolland at Rockville for confirmation as a judgment pursuant to Chapter 909, CGS Sec. 52-408 to 52-423, which court shall have exclusive jurisdiction or venue in these matters. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, each party is to pay its own expenses including attorney's fees and to share the cost of arbitration equally.

7.7 Captions. Captions used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to be limitations on, nor interpretations of, the specific provisions hereof.

7.8 Non-Assignability. No assignment of the rights, obligations or interests by a party in this Agreement will be binding on the other party without its written consent and no such assignment shall release or discharge the assignor from any duty, obligation or responsibility under this Agreement or under any other Contract Document.

7.9 Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Owner, its agents, servants and employees harmless from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and lawsuits, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred thereby, resulting from or pertaining to any alleged violations by Contractor and all Subcontractors, if any, of any applicable federal, state laws, rules and regulations in effect and applicable for the Project including without limitation any nondiscriminatory employee laws and the Immigration Reform & Control Act, or in connection with any claim of injury or damage caused by any of its agents or employees arising out of or in the course of their employment and work at or upon the premises at which services are being rendered, which injury or damage is not caused by the willful act of a town agent, servant or employee. The Contractor's obligations under this section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation in the amount or type of the Contractor's insurance. Nothing in this section shall obligate the Contractor to indemnify Owner against liability for damages caused by or resulting from the negligence of Owner, its agents, servant or employees.

7.10 Insurance. The Contractor will at all times maintain insurance policies in force in accordance with the requirements of the "Insurance Requirements For All Contractor's" listed in paragraph 1.2(e) and provide the Finance Officer a certificate of such insurance naming the Town of Ellington as an additional insured.

7.11 Non-Discrimination. Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated, when employed, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved. The Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date stated above.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

CONTRACTOR:

By _____
Matthew Reed
Town Administrator

By _____
Duly Authorized



September 17, 2025

Charlyne Carson-Hyde
P.O. Box 60
Ellington, CT 06029

Re: DEEP File # RN2025-0019 Carson-Hyde property, Somers Rd, Ellington, CT

Dear Ms. Carson-Hyde:

Thank you for submitting the above-mentioned property for review. The property has been evaluated by the Land Acquisition Review Committee and has been judged an eligible candidate for acquisition through the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program. However, due to current funding and staffing constraints, it may take some time to begin the acquisition process.

Purchase is subject to certain conditions such as available funding and successful negotiations. Please note that our negotiations are based on market value estimates as provided by certified general appraisers. A representative of this office will contact you concerning our acquisition procedures as soon as our schedule allows.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter at any time, please feel free to contact either Matt Starr, Property Agent, at (860) 424-3080 or myself at (860) 249-6081. Also, if the property becomes unavailable in the interim, we kindly ask that you notify us.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Suhr

Lindsay Suhr
Office Director
Land Acquisition & Management

cc: John Colonese
Ellington Assistant Town Planner

Town of Ellington

General Ledger - On Demand Report

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 From Date: 7/1/2025 To Date: 10/31/2025

Account Mask: ?????00270???????

Print accounts with zero balance

Account Type: All

Include Inactive Accounts Filter Encumbrance Detail by Date Range

Print Detail Include PreEncumbrance

Account Number / Description	Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	% Remaining Bud
1000.02.00270.10.50103	\$1,600.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$1,210.00 75.63%
Part Time--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60221	\$400.00	\$48.89	\$48.89	\$351.11	\$0.00	\$351.11 87.78%
Advertising Printing--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60222	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00 100.00%
Dues & Subscriptions--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60223	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
Travel--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60234	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
Professional Development--Conservation Commission						
1000.02.00270.20.60250	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
Contracted Services--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60254	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
St of CT Surcharges--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.20.60341	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
Office Supplies--Conservation Commission--						
1000.02.00270.30.60341	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 0.00%
Office Supplies--Conservation Commission--						
Fund: 1000	\$3,350.00	\$438.89	\$438.89	\$2,911.11	\$0.00	\$2,911.11



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Chairman Rebecca Quarno, Vice Chairman Robert Zielfelder, Jr., Regular Members Sean Dwyer, Laurie Burstein (arrived 7:05pm), Kathy Caton, Jamison Boucher (arrived 7:05pm), and Alternate Ann Harford

ABSENT: Regular Member James Gage

STAFF: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner and Ashley DuBois, Recording Clerk

OTHERS

PRESENT: Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee Chairman Linda Anderson and Regular Member Valerie Amsel (arrived via Zoom 7:15pm)

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rebecca Quarno called the Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

BY CONSENSUS, THE COMMISSION WENT OUT OF AGENDA ORDER AND REVIEWED AGENDA ITEM #2 FIRST.

1. Report - Open Space Preservation Program.
 - a. 25 Tolland Turnpike – Review Option to Purchase

John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner, announced a letter was submitted on behalf of the owner of property known as 25 Tolland Turnpike to the Town Administrator. The submission included a map and an assessor ID card. The owner is looking for interest from the Town to purchase before pursuing outside interest. John spoke with Matt Reed, Town Administrator, and the town administration is currently not interested in the parcel. The price is not stated; however, the land is currently valued at \$196,410 within the Assessor's information. Vice Chairman Zielfelder mentioned the state preservation program that is being considered for another property. John said he spoke with the State, and the owner could follow the state preservation program process.

Linda Anderson, Ellington Trails Committee Chairman, entered the conversation and noted property specific trails are unlikely, however, with the proximity to Nye Holman State Forest the Trails Committee would be interested, if the State allowed an extension

trail through their property. Linda referenced Melrose trail in Enfield, that is a state property but is maintained by the Town of Enfield. Vice Chairman Zielfelder responded the issue is that there are no trails in that forest near the given property but confirmed an extension would prove useful. Commissioner Dwyer asked about the road frontage and if parking would be possible. Vice Chairman Zielfelder confirmed and noted there is passable road access near the state road. John noted this property was included on the open space rankings the commission completed in 2021.

Moving forward, the commission supported gathering more information, including pricing and willingness to preserve the property. Vice Chairman Zielfelder added to connect with the land trust for potentially acquiring the land and Dwyer added the talking point in favor of the town still under the percentage threshold of open space preservation for the community. Chairman Quarno asked what the development potential of the land is if sold privately and John noted there are site variables that would need to be assessed for residential development potential. In conclusion, additional information will be collected, and state contact information will be shared with Linda Anderson regarding the question about the Town maintaining trails on state land.

Next, John noted the State is interested in the Somers Road property and a letter will be sent out to the owner, however the process won't begin soon as the State is working on acquiring other properties first.

Lastly, John reached out to the Willis estate regarding the property on Crystal Lake Road that is for sale and explained the preservation program to current representative of the estate but was told it is under contract.

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

a. Review and Evaluate Proposals for a Town-wide Historic Resources Inventory

In review, the Conservation Commission received three qualified proposals to complete a Town-wide Historic Resources Inventory. The three companies include Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc. of Portland, ME, Easton Architects, LLP of New York, NY, and E2 Project Management LLC of Rockaway, NJ. The factors for formal evaluation included Executive Summary, Firm Qualifications, Team Member Credentials/Resumes, Methodology, Scope of Services & Project Approach, Relevant Experience, Product Delivered, and References. The commissioners were asked to evaluate individually over the past month for a discussion and decision this meeting.

Chairman Quarno opened the discussion floor and asked how the commission wished to come to a consensus. The commissioners combined rankings and other relevant points in their comparisons and opinions. Commissioner Burstein noted the longest timeline was from Easton Architects at 9 months, compared to Kleinfelder Northeast Inc. at 7 months and E2 Project Management at 5 months. Chairman Quarno added that Easton's project descriptions appeared favorable to more modern and industrial towns and Commissioner Burstein confirmed there was little evidence of towns like Ellington from Easton's experience.

In terms of deliverables, Chairman Quarno stated E2's proposal offered the most for the price, compared to limited deliverables from both Easton and Kleinfelder. Regular member Burstein supported this impression. On another note, regular member Burstein felt that Kleinfelder's proposal was more personal and felt it was evident they did research into the town already, Chairman Quarno confirmed this impression.

At this time, regular member Boucher guided the discussion to focus on the top two companies. The commission, both individually and mutually, rated Kleinfelder and E2 as the top two candidates. In favor of E2, Chairman Quarno noted this company, although based in New Jersey, has a project manager that is Connecticut based. John added that E2 would need to acquire certification to complete work in CT, but Commissioner Harford found in the proposal that they are prepared to. Comparatively, Kleinfelder, although they are based in Maine, have an office in Rocky Hill, CT and have completed a state historic resources inventory in New London, CT. John made the commission aware of a limitation noted in Kleinfelder's proposal, that "one round of comment from the Town of Ellington and that the town will review and comment on all projects deliverables within ten business days of receipt", which John followed up on with the company that they are flexible. John also added he completed some reference reviews on the companies, and all three companies had glowing reviews. John noted great reviews from the contact at New London, CT by Kleinfelder and the mayor of Lambertville, NJ would highly recommend Easton. Although highly recommended, E2 references in New Jersey seemed to have different scopes of work compared to the historic resources inventory. Regular member Burstein noted all three companies had close to the same years of experience as well.

Chairman Quarno circled back and focused the commission to decide on the top two candidates. Easton Architects were voted as the third-place candidates at this time, leaving Kleinfelder and E2 as the top two companies.

Moving forward, the commission focused on the evaluation categories. Starting with the Executive summary, the commission felt E2 had a more robust summary. Additionally, the commission discussed how both proposals focused on and used key terms and language the town is looking for from a historical perspective, including minorities, indigenous, etc. Regular member Boucher, who recently joined the commission, asked what the original key factor, whether high priority triggers or the quality of the deliverables, etc. were the commission looking for in this project. Chairman Quarno answered the commission was ideally looking for a company who would identify up to 100 properties in town. Chairman Quarno added to this point, Kleinfelder's proposal clarified that although 100 buildings would be identified, this may come at less than 100 applications, if say a single application could have multiple buildings on it. Whereas E2's proposal stated they would do 100 forms, understanding the reality that a property could have multiple buildings on it. All in all, each company had comparative experience, cost, and goal of 100 sites.

The next category to compare is deliverables, the product of the project. The commission took time to review the deliverables section from both companies. It appeared the deliverables for Kleinfelder would be a report and the completed forms for the SHPO, which John confirmed is what the SHPO would be looking for. However, the format for deliverables was unclear. From E2's proposal, the deliverables were clearly stated, including a bound hard copy and one digital PDF of the final inventory, a complete set of finalized HRI forms (hard copy and digital), GIS data and digital photography, and a summary presentation, if requested. The commission appreciated the deliverables presented by E2.

During this time, John noted the selection would need to be made by October 1st to send the recommendation to the Board of Selectman.

MOVED (BURSTEIN), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN TO AWARD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE TOWN-WIDE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY TO E2 PROJECT MANAGEMENT LLC OF ROCKAWAY, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.

3. Report - Farmland Preservation Program

The commission's community outreach at the Farmer's Market on August 30th went well, with individuals interested in the Open Space and Farmland maps. Questions from community members focused on farmland in town with a notable conversation about the farmland being developed on Route 83 across from Meadowview Plaza.

John noted the owner of Burke Ridge Farm at 95 Wapping Wood Road would like to add living space above the existing farmstand as their main residence in South Windsor burnt down. The property is under farmland preservation, and they will need to apply to the State.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. FY 25-26 Budget & Expenditure Update

Nothing new to update. John will follow up on clarification of a few items.

2. Approval of August 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Edit requested: remove Sean Dwyer from present attendance list.

MOVED (ZIELFELDER JR.) SECONDED (HARFORD) TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2025, AS AMENDED.

3. Correspondence/Discussion:

a. Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee – Update

Alternate Harford noted the Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee finished the bridge repair located near the radio station. The committee is still battling poison ivy and knotweed. Regarding the test of ridding knotweed, the progress will be checked soon. Additionally, the committee approached the Town Dept. of Public Works to rototill the knotweed areas and plant grass, while potentially adding another bench.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (DWYER) SECONDED (ZIELFELDER JR.) TO ADJOURN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley DuBois, Recording Clerk

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION PROPOSED 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Generally, meetings are held in the Town Hall Annex at 7:00 PM

1/13

2/10

3/10

4/14

5/19 (Town Meeting 5/12/2026)

6/09

7/14

8/11

9/08

10/13

11/10

12/08



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Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

CHAIRMAN
LINDA ANDERSON

VICE CHAIRMAN
CYNTHIA VAN ZELM

SECRETARY
DEANNA WAMBOLT-
GULICK

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DONNA ALLEN
LINDSAY NEUBECKER
BILL SCHULTZ
TOM PALSHAW
DAN CHAMBERLIN
ROBERT BARONE
ANN HARFORD
MICHAEL EMONS
STEVEN AUSTIN
STUART LANZ
RYAN BIBEAU

Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2025
Town Hall Annex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Anderson, Cynthia van Zelm, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Lindsay Neubecker, Tom Palshaw, Ryan Bibeau

MEMBERS ABSENT: Valerie Amsel, Donna Allen, Bill Schultz, Dan Chamberlin, Robert Barone, Ann Harford, Michael Emons, Steven Austin, Stuart Lanz

I. Call to Order

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Citizens' Forum

Susanne Beason and Lucy Clark, with the Rotary Club of Rockville, spoke on behalf of the Source to Sea Cleanup event. This event will take place on October 11, 2025 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Indian Valley YMCA, 11 Pinney Street, Ellington. Ms. Beason and Ms. Clark discussed with the Committee where clean up might be most beneficial.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 6, 2025

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

IV. Old Business

A. Hockanum River Crew Report

Mr. Palshaw shared that the Town did a wonderful job brush hogging. They've begun spraying poison ivy, hitting Windermere and the Franklin Trail. West Road Trail is planned next for spraying and vegetation cleanup. He got in touch with the Northern Land Trust and recommended reflectors for their trails, which they plan to implement.

1. Public Works Working on Pond Area

They did an excellent job brush hogging a significant portion and widened access for some areas.

2. No Motorized Vehicles Signs – Installed?

Mr. Palshaw stated that they have not yet had the opportunity to put the signs up. Ms. Anderson requested that this be done soon, and Mr. Palshaw assured her that it is on their list.

B. Conservation Report

There was no update at this time.

C. Easements for West Road

There was no update at this time.

D. Facebook

Ms. Anderson discussed some planned posts, including one about bird sightings and another on lanternflies.

1. Newsletter

Ms. Anderson celebrated that the Committee's newsletters are being posted on Facebook.

2. Lantern Flies

The Committee is planning to post about this invasive species so that people are aware.

E. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

Ms. Allen is planning to resubmit for the grant.

F. Widening Bridge at Ellington Highlands

Mr. Palshaw discussed design changes that he has been working on to widen the bridge at Ellington Highlands. He is concerned that the bridge would create issues for emergency vehicles, especially in the dark, given the proximity to a large tree. Emergency vehicles can likely pass through the area without being on the bridge.

Mr. Palshaw suggested that the Committee shift the bridge down so that emergency vehicles can clear the area without hitting the bridge. He also suggested that the tree be taken down to ensure that the UTV could access the space safely.

V. New Business**A. Railing on Kimball Bridge**

Ms. Anderson shared that there is already enough wood to do a railing. The project would need to be done on a Saturday if the Committee is hoping for student helpers. She proposed October 4th or October 11th as dates for this project. She will reach out to Bill to check availability.

B. Storage Bin

Ms. Anderson expressed that she thought the storage bin was complete, but she realized it is not. She explained that some students are going to be finishing it. A large basket of paints has been dropped off recently. They are planning to finish it in the upcoming weeks.

VI. Subcommittee Reports**A. Treasurer**

Ms. Anderson shared that the budget has had minimal expenditures; only technical equipment has seen purchases, lowering the available budget for that line item from \$3,000 to \$2,440.82.

B. Maintenance**1. Batz – Theater Group – Amphitheater**

Ms. Anderson explained that there were some issues that arose with this event. Members of the Committee including Ms. Anderson, Ms. Allen, and Mr. Schultz went to weed whack around the benches. Ms. Anderson fogged for mosquitos and touched up some poison ivy. Once the group arrived for their event, yellow jackets came up through the benches which resulted in a few individuals getting stung. Much of the group remained, but they steered clear of those particular benches.

2. Kimball Maintenance

Ms. Anderson, Ms. Allen, and Mr. Schultz also worked on maintenance at the Kimball Trail. There were two trees down across the trailway; Public Works was contacted and will be cleaning them up, if they haven't already done so.

3. Metcalf Maintenance

Ms. Amsel was contacted by Susan Provost, who is a sort of steward for the trail, and she informed Ms. Amsel that there was a lot of dirt bike activity over there, including driving on private property. The owner didn't notice any activity on his property, however. There has been more signage added reminding people that there are no vehicles permitted. The activity seems to have lessened since school has begun.

4. Stein

Ms. Anderson noted that the upper field needed to be mowed, which Public Works has taken care of.

C. Community Outreach

1. CT Astronomy Night – August 12, 2025, 9pm – midnight

Ms. Anderson shared that there were roughly 30 people in attendance. However, for around 20 minutes around 9:45 pm, sprinklers went off due to a recent seeding that had been done in the area. This caused some people to leave, since they and some equipment got wet.

2. Farmers Market – Saturday, August 23, 2025

Ms. Anderson, Mr. Bibeau, Mr. Schultz, and Ms. Allen were present, and Ms. Anderson estimates that around 60 maps were given out.

3. Geologist Ray Schaeffer – Walk at Crystal Ridge on September 27, 9am

Ms. Anderson is planning to get information out to everyone on this soon.

4. Trail of Treats – October 20th – will need help setting up the morning of, handing out goodies that evening and breaking down

Ms. Anderson is hoping to get more details at the October meeting, especially concerning who will be able to participate. The set up will be in the morning, and help would be appreciated to hand out treats and with breakdown.

5. Annual Thanksgiving Walk at Snipsic Lake – November 29th, 10am

There was no additional information to share at this time.

VII. Adjournment

There was no quorum, so no formal motion to adjourn was made.

Prepared by Deanna Wambolt-Gulick; Submitted by


Julia Connor



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Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025
Hall Memorial Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Anderson, Cynthia van Zelm, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Donna Allen, Tom Palshaw, Robert Barone, Ann Harford, Stuart Lanz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Valerie Amsel, Lindsay Neubecker, Dan Chamberlin, Steven Austin, Ryan Bibeau, Bill Schultz, Michael Emons

I. Call to Order

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

II. Citizens' Forum

No citizens came forward.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. August 6, 2025

MOVED (WAMBOLT-GULICK), SECONDED (ALLEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2025 MEETING.

B. September 3, 2025

MOVED (WAMBOLT-GULICK), SECONDED (ALLEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 MEETING.

IV. Old Business

A. Hockanum River Crew Report

Mr. Barone shared that there has been trimming work done, improving a space around the water.

1. No Motorized Vehicles Signs Installed

2. Pavers

Ms. Anderson shared that the Boy Scouts have donated a significant stack of pavers to the Committee. Mr. Palshaw suggested adding them to a muddy area behind Nutmeg, continuing the pavers already there. Ms. Anderson explained that it may be easier to move them to the recycling area, and then the Committee can use them from there as needed.

B. Conservation Report

1. 25 Acre Lot on Tolland Turnpike

Ms. Anderson shared that this parcel borders Nye State Forest, and there has been talk about whether the conservation group would buy it as open space. Ms. Anderson doesn't think it is large enough to put a trail there, but it would be a good area that could loop into existing spaces to make a very long trail.

The owners of the parcel had reached out to see if the Town was interested in buying it. It is something the State may look into purchasing as well. Ms. Anderson wondered if stewardship of the land would be possible in that case. Ms. Amsel and Ms. Anderson went to a CT Greenways Symposium and talked to an individual who works with maintaining state parks. He explained that the Committee would likely be able to act as stewards of the property if it is purchased by the State. If the Town purchases it, it could open up the land to more use that would likely decrease the amount of wildlife and increase motorized vehicle use.

C. Easements for West Road

There was no update at this time.

D. Facebook

Ms. Anderson shared that there has been a post from Steve about lanternflies.

1. Newsletter – Lanternflies

Information about lanternflies was also included in the newsletter.

2. Instagram

Instagram has been increasing in popularity, and Ms. Anderson thinks that this would be a great avenue to explore; she suggested having a more active presence and encouraging people to share pictures of the trails they hike. Ms. Wambolt-Gulick agreed that it would be great to be able to get tags going to have people share their hikes.

E. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

Ms. Allen shared that the Committee did not get the grant, and when she went in to reapply, the information she had input was not saved. It would not have been possible to break ground soon enough after applying anyway, so her intention is to reapply at the end of December.

Ms. Anderson shared that there is a grant program from the State, the Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program, that has up to \$10 million to give away. It has an application deadline of December 18, 2025. Ms. Anderson recalled that it can be tricky to get all of the moving parts together for grant applications, and she will see if there are others available to help build the application.

Ms. van Zelm pointed out that there is a webinar on October 18 that is centered around the application process. She is concerned that the Committee's project might not be exactly what the grant is geared towards, but Ms. Anderson explained that maintenance and education are two of the elements that the Connecticut Trails grant is really looking at.

F. Bridge at Ellington Highlands

There was no update at this time, but it is on the list of planned work.

G. Railing at Kimball – Installed September 20, 2025

Jay and Josh from the Green Earth Club and several members of the Committee, including Mr. Schultz, Ms. Allen, Ms. Amsel, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Austin, helped install the railing. Ms. Allen mentioned that there was some bee activity, and Ms. Anderson shared that she had some bee nest signs made up to let people know of the bee activity.

V. New Business

A. Storage Bin

Ms. Anderson shared that the storage bin has been moved; Ms. Amsel protected the supplies that were in it, so nothing got harmed in the move.

B. Eagle Scout – Crystal Ridge Project

Ms. Anderson and Dustin Huguenin met with an Eagle Scout, Divija Adhikary, who has a project in mind; she wants to make the trail that goes up to the top of the ridge at Crystal Ridge Trail. She is also planning to put a bench up at the top to enjoy the view of the lake. Ms. Anderson shared a map of where it is planned; it is steep and has significant clearing needed.

C. Symposium – CT Greenways

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Amsel attended a very worthwhile symposium. Ms. Amsel attended a session focused on bridge building, which was very affirming to her current work.

Ms. Anderson went to a session about Connecticut Trail Finders; she is hoping to get the Ellington trails on the website. The Committee already has much of the information that would be needed, and it would not require a lot of extra work to get the trails added. Ms. Anderson appreciates that Connecticut Trail Finders also adds local businesses nearby the trails, so it is really beneficial to multiple stakeholders in Town.

Ms. Anderson also went to a talk on media, which gave really helpful information about the importance of social media, especially with the growing prevalence of Instagram; it discussed how to develop a consistent online presence. It also would be very helpful to get involved and connected with other groups in Town.

Ms. Anderson also attended a session about a group from Wesleyan University that talked about harvesting off of the land and building a traditional Native American structure with direction from members of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe.

D. Setting Calendar Meetings

Ms. Anderson discussed what the calendar will look like for the upcoming year. The Committee already does not meet in January and July. She suggested dropping the December meeting as well because there is not significant work and maintenance to be done at that time. The Committee agreed that those three months should be dropped going forward, and members agreed that the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm still works well to meet.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Treasurer

The current budget is \$4,090.87.

B. Maintenance

1. Batz Garden Cleanup

Ms. Anderson shared that she went and did some work cleaning up. After the predicted upcoming frost, she will likely remove some signs and do additional clean up.

2. Kimball

Ms. Anderson shared that the downed trees have all been taken care of.

3. Crystal Ridge – Ropes

During the geology walk, Ms. Anderson stated that it became clear that ropes would be very helpful along the steep sections of the trail. This means that posts with holes, and then ropes, would need to be put in. This would create a safer descent along that steep trail.

C. Community Outreach

1. Geologist Ray Schaeffer – Lecture/Walk at Crystal Ridge, September 27th

13 people attended the talk, which was very informative. There were also some interesting geology features pointed out and examined during the walk.

Ms. Anderson is planning another event with him at Hall Memorial Library that will be focused on asking questions and trying to stump him on what the rock is.

2. Trail of Treats – October 20th, 5:00-7:30pm, rain date Oct 21st – will need help setting up the morning of, handing out goodies, and breaking down

Ms. Anderson went over plans for how to set up for this upcoming event. Ms. Allen and Ms. Harford will likely be there with Ms. Anderson to set up. It is mostly putting up the canopy and decorating. At night, Ms. Allen, Ms. van Zelm, Ms. Anderson and Mr. Bibeau will be greeting attendees and handing out candy.

3. Annual Thanksgiving Walk at Snipsic Lake – November 29th, 10am

Ms. Anderson is going to reach out to the trail group in Vernon to see if they're interested in participating as well.

4. Mini Golf at Hall Memorial Library – January 31, 2026; set up January 30

Ms. Allen is planning to build some tunnels to contribute to the setup. Ms. Anderson went over some plants for what to incorporate into the hole design.

5. Earth Day – April 25, 2026

Ms. Anderson has invited a mountain biking group to participate alongside the Committee; she is hoping that they will be able to join.

VII. Adjournment

MOVED (HARFORD), SECONDED (VAN ZELM) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TRAILS COMMITTEE AT 7:37 PM.

Submitted by


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"Some beautiful paths cannot be discovered without getting lost." -- Erol Ozan

Annual Meeting Sunday, November 16

The annual meeting/potluck dinner of the Trust will be held at the Somers Congregational Church from 5:30 to about 8:00. All members are invited. Following a social time and potluck supper beginning at 5:30 and 6:00, there will be a short business meeting to elect officers and Board members, followed by a featured speaker.

Bring a dish to share and your own dishware and utensils. Beverages will be provided unless you wish to bring your own adult or other selections.

Nominated Officers, 1 year term:

Patrice Carson, Pres.	Karl Hasel, 1 st V. Pres
Jim Gage, 2 nd V. Pres	Bryan Jambard, Treasurer
Elise Bennett, Secretary	

Nominated for Board of Directors, 3 year terms:

Albert Grant, Melrose (renew)	Valerie Amsel, Somers (renew)
Sharon Prajzner, Stafford (new)	

NCLT Bylaw Proposed Revision:

Current - Section 3: Period: Membership shall be valid from date of acceptance until December 31 of the same year, except that members accepted after September 15 shall be members throughout that year and all of the following year.

Proposed change: Membership shall be valid from date of acceptance (donation or dues paid) until the end of the fiscal year ending July 31 of the following year.

"Land really is the best art" -- Andy Warhol

Revised Membership and Annual Report Schedule

In the past, NCLT has solicited membership donations early in the year (Feb/March) for memberships coinciding with that calendar year. Yet many folks prefer to make charitable donations towards the end of a year for tax bookkeeping. As mailing costs become more burdensome and to make our membership tracking more concise, the Trust is modifying their schedule. Starting immediately, any contributions or membership “dues” will be treated on a fiscal year basis (Aug 1 – July 31) for membership considerations. Mailings will notify members of this in August for the upcoming year, with a reminder towards the end of the calendar year.

Additional 13.5 Forested Acres Acquired in Stafford

The Northern CT Land Trust has purchased a strategic 13.5 acre property in the northwest corner of Stafford, CT. The property abuts the land trust’s 118 acre Culver Pond property and the land trust’s 83 acre Hagerty Hollow property as well as a section of the Shenipsit State Forest. Funding for the purchase was provided by the Bafflin Foundation, the Fields Pond Foundation and the members and friends of the NCLT.

The land trust plans to add this Ricci property as an extension of the Culver Pond Nature Preserve for the protection of the wide variety of wildlife in the area. The property will be opened to the public for passive recreation when trail work is completed.. There will be a trail connecting the networks of trails on the NCLT’s two abutting properties.

Chestnut Orchard Project Update

As has been previously reported, starting in 2007 NCLT established a chestnut orchard at Swann Farm in Ellington in partnership with The American Chestnut foundation. The orchard is part of The American Chestnut Foundation’s (TACF) effort to create a blight resistant American chestnut which can be introduced into and thrive in forests within its former range. NCLT volunteers created and maintained the orchard with expertise and guidance provided by TACF. Over 300 nuts were planted in 2007 and 2008. The nuts were gathered from existing pure American chestnuts in Stafford and Rocky Hill which had been pollinated with pollen from back-crossed TACF trees. The back-cross program crosses American chestnuts with Chinese chestnuts which have natural resistance to the blight. These trees which are nominally 50% American are then back-crossed to pure American trees in successive generations to produce trees that are theoretically 93% American.

By 2014 all the trees were showing evidence of blight to some degree. That year, under the guidance of TACF, all the surviving trees were inoculated with the blight fungus by NCLT volunteers to assess their blight resistance in a controlled manner. The next year all the trees were examined for the formation of blight cankers in response to the inoculation. The size of the cankers along with other factors were used to rank the trees with eleven selected to be used to create future generations. The remaining trees were cut or uprooted and burned.

For several years nuts were harvested from the remaining trees to be planted in other TACF orchards, mostly at the Norcross Wildlife Foundation orchard in Stafford. In 2020 samples were collected from each tree in the orchard for DNA analysis to more scientifically determine the level of

blight resistance for each tree. As we suspected from the extensive blight seen on the trees, the results have shown that the trees in our orchard have a relatively low level of blight resistance. TACF has since determined that their process for using inoculation followed by examination of cankers is not a reliable method of determining blight resistance. There have been no further harvests of nuts from the Swann Farm orchard. Although disappointing for NCLT, this has been great for wildlife. Deer, turkeys, squirrels and various other small rodents love chestnuts. Almost as soon as the nuts drop in the fall, they disappear with only the empty burrs remaining.

TACF is currently exploring creating a genetically modified blight resistant chestnut tree as an alternative to the back-cross program. The blight fungus kills the tree by producing oxalic acid which damages cells in the cambium layer forming a canker; this proceeds until the tree is girdled and dies. TCAF along with the State College of New York is inserting a gene which produces an enzyme called oxalate oxidase which breaks down oxalic acid, neutralizing the blight's ability to kill the tree. Although there have been bumps in the road, this work is continuing.

Land Trust Funding at Risk?

"May you live in interesting times" is an ancient curse. Regardless of your political leanings, you have to admit that interesting times have arrived in the USA. So what affect does this all have on our little land trust? We need to remember that we are a non-governmental organization. We do not rely on federal funding for any of our property acquisition or stewardship activities. Our funding comes from our members, from leasing farming rights to local farmers, and from grants from various organizations for land acquisition. Some of these grants do come from the state. Since 2001, NCLT has been awarded close to \$2M from the Open Space and Watershed Acquisition program covering about ½ the cost of preserving 12 of our largest properties. This program continues to make available close to \$5M twice a year as matching funds for land trusts, water companies, and municipalities for open space acquisition on a competitive basis. If Connecticut receives less money from the federal government or state expenses are increased due to decisions made by the federal government, then grants to organizations such as ours may be harder to come by in the foreseeable future.

In the past we have also benefited from a good relationship with the towns we serve. An example is our acquiring Whitaker Woods in Somers in 2006. This 266-acre property was slated for development with over 80 houses planned. The permits required for this development were not approved due to wetland issues. A coalition of NCLT, the town

of Somers, the State of Connecticut, seven foundations, and public donations purchased the property for over one million dollars. The Town of Somers recouped the majority of its portion of the funding through splitting off and selling three building lots. At that point ownership was transferred from the town to NCLT. As long as these local and state relationships continue in the future, there should be minimal impact on our activities due to decisions and actions at the federal level.

Stewardship Leader Succession

Since the Northern Ct Land Trust was originally formed as the Four Town Land Trust in August 1987, it has had 3 stewardship chairmen. The first was Jerry Stage from the start until his passing in 2014. Richard Bailey then held the position until Wes Smith took over from 2020 until 2021 when Richard again became chairman. Sharon Prajzner became our fourth chairman in April succeeding Richard. Sharon has been a volunteer for several years and joined the stewardship committee in 2024. Sharon's husband Bob and father Mike Blouin are also stewardship volunteers and members of the committee. Sharon lives in Somers and can be reached at ncltsrp@gmail.com.

Thank you Richard for your leadership and godspeed to Sharon for our future work.



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