East Haddam
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Municipal Office Building Room #1
Adopted October 4, 2022

1. Call to order – called to order at 7:01 p.m.
   In attendance: Susan Pagnano, Charlie Myers, Charlotte Gelston, Bernie Gillis, Thom Delventhal, Gary Wilson, John Olin and Joe Sina.

2. Alternate appointments (if necessary)

3. Welcome to new CC members and guests
   Guests: Cameron Beard.

4. Approval of agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda
   Myers/Gillis Passed Unanimously

5. Approval of Conservation Commission minutes September 6, 2022
   Motion to approve the September 6, 2022, as amended.
   -Correct clerical/grammatical errors.
   Myers/Olin Passed Unanimously

6. Old business
   a. Subcommittee updates
   i. Stewardship & Forestry Management – Mr. Gillis
      1. Investigate adding QR Codes to trail maps/kiosks.
      2. Directional posts at color intersections were added at the Harris Reserve.
      3. DEP signage was installed at Lena Reserve per Open Space Grant requirements.
      4. Clearing and trail paint refreshing at Shugrue Farm Reserve on Long Hill.
      5. Davison Memorial Walking Park red trail paint was refreshed.
      6. Sign samples were brought to Davidson Display for printing.
      7. Signage was moved at the Sabine Reserve for better visibility.
      8. Breast Cancer ribbons were distributed on undisclosed trails.
      9. Brush hog blade was replaced, and mower was winterized.
      10. A new post was carved for Rose Farm.
   ii. Outreach & Promotion – Mr. Wilson
      1. East Haddam News published Conservation Commission's article for Breast Cancer Awareness Challenge on September 22nd. The article will be repeated in the October 6th newspaper.
      2. Mr. Sina is working on a new article for the East Haddam News. Commission members brainstormed ideas for future articles.

iii. Climate Resilience - Mr. Olin

1. CIRCA (Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation) report for East Haddam's vulnerability for extreme heat is almost complete. The flooding report is delayed. Mr. Olin hopes to have a report for the next meeting.
2. Mr. Olin shared information regarding recent webinars he had attended.

b. Liaison Reports

i. IWWC updates – Mr. Delventhal reviewed articles he would be submitting on dogs on open space and land trust land.

ii. P&Z updates – Mr. Gillis- Coldspring Farms will have a public hearing for special exception review for accessory use to the farm, which will include various events. Eversource will be installing gas pipelines through Moodus. The Moodus Reservoir will be drawn down 2-3 feet for this purpose. Draft Regulations for campgrounds in the residential zones will be reviewed at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

iii. Open Space updates – Mr. Delventhal - No meeting this month. Waiting for the State to respond to Mr. Ventres's grant application.

iv. Eightmile Committee updates – Mr. Gillis- New website will include information for small grants.

c. Planting/existing garden updates – Mr. Wilson

The Patrell pollinator garden was weeded, 20 elderberry were planted, and mulch spread. 37 plants were purchased; 12 cardinal flowers, 13 big bluestem, 6 NY ironweed, and 6 Joe Pye weed. at a discounted cost of $59.00. Eight Hazelnut plants will be planted.

d. Reserve Monitor discussion -Ms. Gelston –There are three new trail monitors. Several people did minor trail clearing of branches. No reports of any downed trees or other problems that need to be addressed at this time. Ms. Gelston distributed a list of reserve monitors to members.

e. Breast Cancer Awareness Challenge – Ms. Pagnano

Breast Cancer ribbons were distributed on undisclosed trails and fundraising prizes were reviewed.

7. New Business

a. New bills

I. Approximately $59.00 to purchase plants.

Motion to approve the bills.

Myers/Pagnano Passed unanimously

8. Public Comment (can be submitted via email to: ccchair@easthaddam.org) - none

9. Next Meeting Tues November 1, 2022, 7:00 pm, Room #1

10. Announcements and other discussion

a. Mr. Wilson passed information to the Scouts for grants through the Rockwell foundation.

b. Please email Mr. Wilson of accomplishments (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) for a town report.

c. Mr. Olin explained the plan and design process for natural hazards in the town required specific community engagement to receive funding.

d. It was decided to put a kiosk at the Dean Easement, location to be determined after a field walk.

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:21 p.m.
Myers/Olin Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary