East Haddam
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Municipal Office Building Room #1

1. Call to order – Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
   In attendance: Gary Wilson, Joe Sina, Bernie Gillis, John Olin, Susan Pagnano, Charlotte Gelston, Cameron Beard, and Ruth Ziobron.

   Absent: Thom Delventhal, and Alan Ponanski.

2. Alternate appointments (if necessary). Mrs. Gelston was appointed voting members.

3. Welcome to guests and new members.

4. Approval of agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
   Sina/Pagnano Passed Unanimously

5. Approval of Conservation Commission minutes August 1, 2023.
   Motion to approve the meeting minutes**.**
   Sina/Olin Passed Unanimously

6. Old business
   a. Subcommittee updates

i. Stewardship & Forestry Management – Mr. Gillis
- Many trails were cleared of trees/limbs and weed wacked.
-Patrell was mowed.
-Hayward property was tagged for the Boy Scouts to paint the trails. The kiosk was installed by the Boy Scouts. Two directional posts were installed.
-Nichols trees were removed. Red trail marked.
-Lefebre-work party planted 14 hazelnut shrubs
-Town Beach-Maps were added to kiosks.
-Sheepskin Hollow Preserve-Seasonal bridge built.
-Warning, hunting season has started.
-Park and Rec meeting on October 23rd at 7pm to discuss Nichols trails and responsibilities.

ii. Outreach & Promotion – Mr. Wilson
-Article about Nichols trail for the Events Magazine.
- The Commission will have an informational table set up for the Riverfest on October 14th 1pm-4pm.
-An article was published in the EH news advertising marked trails for Cancer Awareness Month.

iii. Climate Resilience –Mr. Olin

-The Community Educational Meeting at the Grange on September 17th was well attended. Mr. Olin reviewed discussions at the meeting. Topics highlighted: Forest Management, farming, farmstands, canning adult education, emergency management system notifications and neighbor to neighbor communication.

-Consider adding "Public Outreach" to future agendas.

-Develop an outline of Conservation Commission's charge to be shared during public outreach.

b. Liaison Reports

i. IWWC Updates- Mr. Delventhal was not in attendance and provided no updates.
-Mr. Gillis stated the East Haddam Fish and Game was dredging Early Brook.

ii. P&Z updates – Mr. Gillis
-Lake Hayward subdivision was approved, and 36 acres will be put into conservation.
-Smith Farm was approved for additional events.

iii. Open Space updates-Mr. Delventhal was absent and there was nothing new to report.

iv. Eightmile Committee updates – Mr. Gillis
-Grants for environmental projects are currently available.
-Riverfest will be held October 14th at Devil's Hopyard.

C. Planting/existing garden updates – Mr. Wilson
-3 native potentilla, 3 black-eyed susan and ironweed were planted.
-Apple tree orchard-Mr. Ventres didn't find properties for the proposed apple tree orchard. Mrs. Gelston suggested the Berlin Fish and Game Club.

d. Reserve Monitor Discussion -Ms. Gelston
-Gelston easement trail was cleared.

7. New Business

a. New bills

Motion to approve the bill(s) as presented:
-$8.07 for ice.
- $155.00 to Essex Design for the Lord Wellington display.
Pagnano/ Gillis Passed unanimously.

8. Public Comment (can be submitted via email to: ccchair@easthaddam.org) -Mr. Wilson forgot his phone and will review any comments at the next meeting.

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

10. Announcements and other discussion-Next Chair nomination

Motion to nominate Joe Sina as chairman.
Olin/Pagnano Passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:11 p.m.
Gelston/Olin Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary