

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Jan. 28, 2019, 7:30 P.M.  
MEETING ROOM D MADISON TOWN CAMPUS**

**Subject to approval:** Minutes of the Meeting of Jan. 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. - Meeting Room D - Madison Town Campus

**Members present:** Co-Chairman Christine Bouchard, Co-Chairman Francis Brady, and Commissioners Rachel Blundon, Alex Cushing, and Heather Crawford.

**Members absent:** Richard Gedney.

**Others present:** None.

1. **Call meeting to order:** Co-Chairman Christine Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. **Call for additional agenda items:** Commissioner Crawford asked to discuss Dark Sky Week.
3. **Election of officers:** Heather Crawford motioned to elect the slate of Fran Brady as Chairman, Christine Bouchard as Vice Chair and Alex Cushing as Secretary. Rachel Blundon second the motion. Vote to elect the slate of officers passed, 5-0-0.  
IN FAVOR: Co-Chairs Brady and Bouchard, and Commissioners Cushing, Blundon, and Crawford.  
OPPOSED: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.
4. **Dark Sky Week:** The Commission will host a booth at the Madison Earth Care Earth Day Festival April 27 and 28th, 2019 to educate the public on single use plastics as well as light pollution. Sanna Stanley will join the Commission for public outreach related to light pollution. This ties in with Dark Sky Week, which takes place April 22-28, 2019. A pop-up display available through the International Dark Sky Association may be borrowed and displayed.
5. **Natural Resource Inventory:** Discussion of a calibration activity held on 1/26/19 at Summer Hill Road, Madison Land Conservation Trust property. Attendees- Commissioners Heather Crawford, Christine Bouchard, Fran Brady, Rachel Klein and Alex Cushing. Also present on the walk Bob Kuchta and Ben Diebold. The information gathered during this Calibration Exercise/walk was entered into a Property Evaluation Matrix. Commissioner Crawford explained how to enter evaluation data and how to calculate the assessment by combining the natural resources. These values indicate the level of protection that should be given a property given its natural resources. Two mobile phone "Apps" available to help gather information for the NRI are "Track kit" and "Epi Collect", as they provide aerial views with "GPS" tracking to the users smartphone, and allow the user to take photos along the trail path.
6. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Crawford made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; it was seconded by Commissioner Blundon and unanimously approved.  
Vote to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. passed, 5-0-0.  
IN FAVOR: Co-Chairs Brady and Bouchard, and Commissioners Cushing, Blundon, and Crawford.

OPPOSED: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Cushing, Secretary

