

**Town of Madison CT**  
**Conservation Commission**

Regular Meeting

March 25, 2019, 7:30PM

Meeting Room D Madison Town Campus

**Members present:** Chairman Fran Brady, Vice Chair Christine Bouchard, Secretary Alex Cushing and Commissioner Heather Crawford.

**Members absent:** Richard Gedney and Rachel Blundon

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairman Fran Brady called the meeting to order at 7:35pm
2. **Call for additional agenda items:** Vice Chairman Bouchard wished to add a discussion of the template she created in the Epicollect5 mobile app that will be used on the NRI walks.
3. **Review and approve minutes for February 25th, 2019 as submitted:** Minutes were not yet available for review. These will be taken up at the April 8th meeting.
4. **Natural Resource Inventory:** The Commission held its first NRI walk at Mercy By The Sea. Vice Chairmen Christine Bouchard provided an overview of the Epicollect5 App. CC Members were instructed in how to select and record the relevant natural observations. Members walked the grounds as a team and took turns recording and uploading the data to the Epicollect5 Project database. The team walked the perimeter of the parcel and collected data for 10 significant areas of interest including wetlands, scenic views and geological features. Next steps will be to review the quality of the mapping data and once the form is in a satisfactory format – we will “clone” the data entry form for all future NRI parcel walks. Once data is in a suitable format, all NRI results will be stored on the Town’s web site under the Conservation Commission page. All future NRI walk dates have been submitted to the Town Clerk for posting on our web page.

**Next walk will be on Saturday April 20th at 9:30AM at Ox Pasture Sanctuary.**

5. Project Updates:

- **Earth Day 2019 :** Application for a table has been submitted at a refundable cost of \$20. Posters for our display made by AP Science High School students have been laminated for display. Vice Chairman Bouchard created a Mobile Phone Scan symbol for easy sharing of our web site address to help us avoid using paper handouts. Topics will include Single Use Plastics, Pesticides, Dark Skies, and Invasives.
- **SustainableCT:** Madison Town Planner Dave Anderson has asked for a member of our team to participate in the Town’s SustainableCT Task Force. The goal is to continue to document projects & accomplishments geared towards improving the vitality and sustainability of Madison. Having achieved Bronze, Madison would like to continue to improve and achieve at least a Silver status. Deadline for documentation is the end of August.

Chairman Brady has agreed to participate on the Task Force which is planning to have its first meeting on Friday April 5th. Chairman Brady has reviewed the remaining categories of

projects that most closely align with the Conservation Commission current goals and would like to see this become a priority focus.

- **Membership Update:** The Republican Party chairman continues to say that a candidate is interested in joining our Commission. The candidate is going through the approval process with the Board of Selectmen.
- **Summer Internship:** We have not received any potential applicants from Connecticut College. The Commission agreed that we should extend our search to Daniel Hand High School. Chairman Brady agreed to reach out to their Eco Club faculty advisor, Elisa Brako.

**6. Adjournment: Commissioner Crawford made a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. it was seconded by vice chair Bouchard and unanimously approved.**

Vote to adjourn passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Brady, Vice Chairman Bouchard, secretary Cushing and commissioner Crawford

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

Respectfully submitted,  
Fran Brady, Chairman