

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

TOWN OF MADISON, CT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022, 7:30PM
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35PM.
Members Present: Crawford, Cushing and Lewis. Members Absent: Bouchard and Uddin.
Others Present: Erin Mannix, Town Planner.
2. Review and approve minutes from November 22 and December 27, 2021 and January 27, February 24, and March 24, 2022 meetings
Item Tabled.
3. Call for additional agenda items/public comment
Crawford asked for approval for reimbursement for printing of posters for Green-Up Cleanup booths. Cushing moved to approve reimbursement. Lewis seconded. Motion moved unanimously.
4. No-Mow May: informational presentation by Louise Beecher, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Ms. Beecher was unable to attend. Will try to schedule her for next meeting.
5. Green-Up Cleanup April 30: Resources, and schedule booth coverage
Crawford, Uddin and Bouchard will staff North Madison check-in site. Conservation Commission information and handouts on invasive plants will be distributed at both check-in stations.
6. Budget: Spending current funds and planning for 2022-2023
Town Planner Mannix reported commission has \$2930 available in current fiscal year and \$5000 for FY2022-23. Discussion of spending funds centered around summer intern program and materials to support educational efforts such a signs for No Mow May or No Pesticide Pledge efforts.
7. Discuss potential calendar of events for 2022:
 - a. May 21: Invasives ID and Management workshop with NMCC
NMCC has given the commission booth space and a workshop slot at their GardenFest. Staffing required.
 - b. Earth Day: Lawn and Garden Pledge publicity? Tie to No-Mow May
 - c. October: Bauer Park Festival
 - d. September: International Coast Weeks
 - e. Sip and Strolls?
 - f. Sidewalk Sales?

- g. July 4th Parade?
All other items on hold until better attendance.
 - h. Anti-Idling campaign
Uddin reported to Crawford that she will send letter to the principals of all Madison schools offering signs for their pickup and drop-off areas.
8. Discuss Madison's Sustainable CT recertification effort and plan for recertification activities/documentation as related to ongoing projects and plans for 2021-2022
 - a. Groundskeeper training initiated
Crawford held a successful training with four members of the Beach and Rec groundskeeping staff. Feedback included enthusiasm at learning WHY they were being asked to do certain techniques and interest in further training. Crawford offered to answer any future questions as needed.
 9. Discuss summer interns: High school and college and scheduling
Three possible interns were discussed and it was suggested that their contract spell out a commitment to working 100 hours over the course of the summer season.
 10. Updates from Town Planner
Updates were covered under budget and intern discussions.
 11. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Crawford