

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.**

The Town of Berlin, Conservation Commission held its regular meeting in-person and by remote video conference call on Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held in person in the Town Managers Office, Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT and remotely by ZOOM video and telephone conference as provided on the agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Michael DeLorenzo
Rob Ramsey, Mary Kathryn Larose, Karl Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Heisler, Karen Pagliaro, Vice Chairman Hoffman

STAFF

Maureen Giusti, Town Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeLorenzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the July 12, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Larose, passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- I. Plan of Conservation and Development - Implementation Committee representative discussion and nomination
The Plan of Conservation and Development was adopted in June 2023. Town Council accepted the proposal to establish the implementation committee. There are ten members on the committee and they will meet quarterly.
There will be a nomination made from the ten boards to establish the committee.

Vice Chairman Hoffman would like to be the nominee for the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Larose made a motion to submit Vice Hoffman as the Conservation commission nominee seconded by Robert Ramsey, passed unanimously.

In absence of the Conservation Commissions attendance, Commissioner Lewis supports Vice Chairman Hoffman as nominee and Chairman Delorenzo is in agreement.

USE OF TOWN LANDS

Trails and Open Space - Commissioner Lewis reported that the CFPA reroute of Summit Wood Trail is near completion. Maureen Giusti reported that the CFPA invited the Conservation Commission to counterweight brewery on September 14, 2023 for the Trailway Day Fundraiser in Cheshire from 4-7pm.

The Conservation Commission was included in the ordinance passed by the Town Council for certain boards and commissions to be hybrid with the possibility of fully remote.

Maureen Giusti reported Silver Island Way has a conservation area that has been clear cut for lake view and access. She is looking for information on enforcement. Chairman Delorenzo and Commissioner Lewis reported that this has been discussed previously by the commission. One question asked is are these areas marked and if not, can they be remarked? A possible "Cease and Assist" may need to occur.

PZC APPLICATION COMMENTS

- I. Site Plan Amendment
232 Mill Street
Harrison Poltorak - Rebel Dog Coffee Company
The Commission's would like to add a comment that proper drainage be obtained in Phase II.
- II. Proposed re-subdivision of Paul Prior, Jr. for two lots at 0 Heritage Drive,
Map 25-1; Block 17; Lot 15K. (request to reapprove expired approval)
No Comment
- III. Extension of Special Permit, Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair, Inc., 410 Beckley Road,
new event: Display Christmas trees display event.
No Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Marlo Thomas Matassa
Recording Secretary

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