

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 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 November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held in person in the Town Council Chambers, 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, Vice Chairman Hoffman
Mary Kathryn LaRose, Karen Pagliaro, Thomas Heisler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Ramsey, Karl Lewis

STAFF

Maureen Giusti, Town Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeLorenzo called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Carol Gooding

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Hoffman moved to approve October 10, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Pagliaro, passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to move USE OF TOWN LANDS up on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Heisler, passed unanimously.

USE OF TOWN LANDS

Community Garden – The Commissioners thanked Carol Gooding for all her hard work at the Community Garden. She was presented with a token of appreciation. Ms. Gooding was happy to help with the garden. She and the gardeners have been working hard cleaning out all the garden beds and around the perimeter. She has also been working with the Berlin Land Trust to coordinate adding some milk weed and pollinators around the garden. The Kensington Garden Club which she is a member of would also like to donate pollinators and coordinate the installation of these plants with volunteers (upbeat, boy scouts or girl scouts) and or town employees. She reported that the tool shed base is rotted and she would like to see repairs done to the shed. Ms. Gooding would also like a new pitch fork for turning soil. She was asked to determine the cost and let the Commission know and they will plan to allocate funds at a future meeting.

Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to support the Perimeter Planting Project, seconded by Commissioner Pagliaro, passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Heisler made a motion to add the 2024 Meeting Calendar to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Pagliaro, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Heisler made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting calendar, seconded by Commissioner Pagliaro, passed unanimously.

PZC APPLICATION COMMENTS

I. Site Plan Amendment
370 Deming Road
Norm Nadeau, Nadeau Realty LLC
No Comment

II. Site Plan Amendment
384 Deming Road
Scott Nadeau, Group LLC
No Comment

III. Site Plan Amendment
191 Commerce Street
NCBP East Berlin, LLC
Vice Chairman Hoffman commented that the Commission would like assurance that the small stream that runs into the pond on the north side has sedimentation and erosion controls in place. The Commission would also like to be assured that there is proper drainage and treatment.

IV. Special Permit Use with site plan application
Tom Coccomo for property
398 Chamberlin Highway
Vice Chairman Hoffman commented that the Commission has concerns with any additional clearing that could propose a problem with the stream. Run-off is also a concern with the use of pesticides. He would also like to see sedimentation and erosion controls in place.

V. Special Permit Use application
Attorney R. Pentore
All Dry Services of CT & RI at
600 Four Rod Road, Unit #2 for a building services use
No Comment

COMMUNICATION

Vice Chairman Hoffman is officially sworn in to the POCD Implementation Committee as a member. He also received an official letter from the mayor welcoming him on the Committee. The kick-off Implementation Committee meeting is on November 30, 2023 and will meet quarterly.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pagliaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. seconded by Commissioner Heisler, passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Marlo Thomas Matassa
Recording Secretary

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