

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission  
Preston Town Hall  
Monday, January 22, 2018  
7:30 pm.  
Regular Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

**2. Roll Call**

**Regular Members**

Gary Piszczek, Chairman  
Matthew Snurkowski, Vice Chairman  
Susan Mattern, Secretary  
Lynwood Crary – arrived at 7:40  
Margaret Gibson – excused  
Ted Zajac - excused

**Alternates**

Roberta Charpentier - seated  
Sandy Pimental - absent

**Recorder**

Roberta Charpentier

*Chairman Piszczek seated Roberta Charpentier*

**3. Approval of the November 27, 2017 Site Walk & the October 23, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes**

**A motion was made by G. Piszczek and seconded by R. Charpentier to approve the November 27, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**4. Comments from the Public**

No public present.

**5. Communications**

**a)** Letter dated December 1, 2017 from Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) to the Preston Conservation Commission regarding annual membership contributions to CLCC.

**b)** Informational letter from Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. (ECCD) regarding “Clean Water for All Generations!”

**6. Public Hearings**

None

**7. Old Business**

**a) Clustered Zoning Regulations.**

Chairman Piszczek stated that he will speak with K. Warzecha about the CAC meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**b) Farm Dating Program**

Members had a lengthy discussion, proposing various projects.

**c) Hniatuk & Grossman properties – future use.**

When the weather improves and it stays light later in the day M. Snurkowski will walk the property with a GPS and produce a map of the property.

Chairman Piszczek will set a date and time at the next CAC meeting.

**d) Diane Hansen, Community Based Project.**

Members had a lengthy discussion, proposing various projects.

- Paint pumpkins
- Planting flowers for bees
- Paint and install birdhouses
- Paint wooden cutouts of animals and vegetables
- Paint a “dog rock head”
- Plant seeds
- Community garden

S. Mattern asked that Farm Dating and Community Based Project with Diane Hansen be combined on the agenda.

**e) Kendall Property.**

Avalonia received the grant and will now plan a fund raiser.

**f) Farm Tours.**

- Spring/Early June
- Lynwood Crary
- Contact Hart’s and Bonnie Plant greenhouses
- LoPresti
- Ask Clarky Woodmansee

**g) State Hospital Development.**

Nothing to report

**h) Notable Tree of CT: 149 River Road.**

Members will hike to the tree when the weather is warmer.

**i) Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski.**

Chairman Piszczek will take care of the letter.

**8. Boots on the Ground – Paddles in the Water Report**

No discussion

**9. New Business**

**Goals for 2018**

Goals discussed throughout meeting.

**Budget for 2018**

**A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by G. Piszczek that the CAC carry over the FY2018-2018 Budget amount to FY2018-2019.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**10. Meanderings**

M. Snurkowski noted that in June, the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD) is going to have a Poquetanuck Cove kayak event.

**11. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier  
recorder

