

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021
Teleconference
7:30 pm.**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Regular Members

Gary Piszczek, Chairman
Matthew Snurkowski, Vice Chairman
Susan Mattern, Secretary - resigned
Lynwood Crary
Margaret Gibson - absent
Ted Zajac

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier - seated
Sandy Pimentel - absent

3. Approval of the November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2020 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business – moved up on agenda

a) Dennis Main for Avalonia Kendall property.

Dennis Main, Avalonia Land Conservancy

Discussed the Tri Town Forest Preserve acquisition and how this purchase will preserve the property that connects to an important greenway running through North Stonington, Griswold, Preston.

A fundraising campaign was designed to raise the balance of the funds needed to both pay back the bridge loan and support the endowment fund.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac that the CAC approach the Zoning Board regarding financial support for Avalonia's purchase of the Kendall property.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

None

5. Communications

a) Letter received from the Connecticut Audubon Society regarding a donation.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac to approve the membership renewal to the Connecticut Audubon Society.

All in favor. Motion carries.

b) Connecticut Wildlife Magazine Nov/Dec 2020.

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations Farm Dating Program/Diane Hansen, Community Based Project

Chairman Piszczek questioned keeping this item on the agenda and will discuss with Kathy Warzecha.

b) Hniatuk & Grossman properties – future use.

Chairman Piszczek suggested the Commission come up with some ideas and discuss at the next meeting.

c) State Hospital Development.

R. Charpentier stated that they are moving forward because the State Bond Commission passed bonding for \$7 million to fund the cleanup. Work will begin again in the Spring.

d) Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski.

No comments

e) Sue Nylén and having annual conservation/outdoors event in memory of her son, Justin.

R. Charpentier suggested removing this item from the agenda until S. Nylén approaches the CAC.

M. Snurkowski suggested the CAC hold an event related to Justin Nylén's interests and naming it after him.

f) Prepare for joint land use commission meeting.

Chairman Piszczek will speak to K. Warzecha regarding this

g) Project Manager internship.

Chairman Piszczek has the intern doing research.

h) Beaver behavior report.

Beavers moved!

i) Election of officers

See New Business

8. Boots on the Ground – paddles in the water report

No comments

9. New Business

a) Dennis Main for Avalonia Kendall property.

Move up on Agenda

b) Road-side trash pick-up.

L. Crary will discuss with A. Brosnan.

c) Election of Officers

A motion was made by R. Charpentier and seconded by T. Zajac to elect

Gary Piszczek as Chairman, Matthew Snurkowski as Vice Chairman and Lynwood Crary as Secretary.

All in favor. Motion carries.

d) Sandy Pimentel to become Regular Member making opening for Alternate.
S. Pimental was not present

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

**A motion was made by G. Piszczek and seconded by L. Crary to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,



**Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary**