Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Preston Town Hall
Monday, January 27, 2020
7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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
Lynwood Crary
Margaret Gibson - excused
Ted Zajac - excused

Alternates
Roberta Charpentier - seated
Sandy Pimentel - seated
Recorder
Roberta Charpentier

Chairman Piszczek seated R. Charpentier and S. Pimentel

3. Approval of the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.
A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by S. Pimentel to approve the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
All other members present voted in favor.
Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public
None

5. Communications

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by S. Mattern that the CAC renew its membership with The Connecticut Audubon Society.
All in favor. Motion carries.

d) Letter dated December 20, 2019 from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to Conservation and Agricultural Commission regarding License #201907287, State Project No. 113-107, Route 2A Bridge No. 02931, Preston.
e) Letter dated January 3, 2020 from Milone & MacBroom, Inc., Scott Bighinatti, MS, CFM
to Planning and Zoning Commission regarding application submitted to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) requesting authorization under the General Permit Intra-Regional Water Supply Response Plan Southeastern Connecticut MMI #3423-04-03. (More information is available if interested.)

f) Email dated January 21, 2020 from Nancy Musa to Gary Piszczek regarding State hospital tree.

6. Public Hearings
None

7. Old Business
a) Clustered Zoning Regulations Farm Dating Program/Diane Hansen, Community Based Project.
Chairman Piszczek received a card from Diane Hanson thanking the CAC for the pumpkins. Chairman Piszczek asked S. Camp to forward the CAC’s idea to decorate the fence at the dump with the boards they are working with for the next project.

b) Hniatuk & Grossman properties – future use.
Chairman Piszczek will mow/clear the parking area.

c) State Hospital Development.
No new information.

d) Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski.
Discussed under New Business.

e) Sue Nylen and having annual conservation/outdoors event in memory of her son, Justin.
Chairman Piszczek asked R. Charpentier to speak with S. Nylen.

h) Prepare for joint land use commission
Will be scheduled for February.

None

9) New Business
a) Project Manager Internship
Dorothy Piszczek would like to do an internship with the CAC.
Chairman Piszczek noted that she can address the Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski and help with the organization of Clean-Up Day.
1st Selectwoman Allyn-Gauthier asked Chairman Piszczek to present the intern position to Preston’s Ethic Committee.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by S. Mattern that the CAC create an Internship position.
All in favor. Motion carries.

b) Beaver behavior report
The beavers moved to the other side of the road. The whole corridor is full of beavers.

c) Budget
A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by G. Piszczek that the 2020 Budget remain the same as 2019.
All in favor. Motion carries.

d) State Hospital tree inquiry
A resident called Town Hall about a large tree on the property. Chairman Piszczek went and looked at it. It is a Maple that was not significantly large.

e) Dump beautification
Chairman Piszczek noted that the location of the old dump is filled with weeds and proposed planting pollinators.

10. Meanderings

S. Mattern showed her proposed plans of the Dog Rock with easements that she will submit to the DOT.
S. Mattern noted this will keep it from ever being graded or blasted.

L. Crary noted Clean-Up Day will be on April 25th.
Amy Brosnan, director of Parks & Recreation told him about a $500 grant from Last Green Valley for Clean-up Day. It can be used to provide food for volunteers.

11. Adjournment
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder