

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission  
Preston Town Hall  
Monday, March 26, 2018  
7:30 pm.  
Regular Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Piszczek called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

**2. Roll Call**

**Regular Members**

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

**Alternates**

Roberta Charpentier - *excused*  
Sandy Pimental - *absent*

**Recorder**

Bekah Little

**3. Approval of the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Gibson to approve the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

**4. Comments from the Public**

No public present.

**5. Communications**

a) ECCD Outlook, Winter 2018 Edition.  
G. Piszczek mentioned the upcoming plant sale.

**6. Public Hearings**

None

**7. Old Business**

**a) Clustered Zoning Regulations.**

G. Piszczek said he would talk to K. Warzecha but most likely looking at summer for final revisions of regulations

**b) Farm Dating Program/Diane Hansen, Community Based Project.**

- G. Piszczek said that they would give kids a blank piece of wood from Preston and then paint scenes around town, giving them free reign as to what they want to paint. S. Mattern is going to give G. Piszczek an idea of how many boards they will need.
- Pumpkins in the Fall
- S. Mattern mentioned a butterfly project and she and M. Gibson discussed milkweed and the different varieties of non-invasive milkweed plants that attract Monarch butterflies.
- Provide milkweed plants to kids using Avalonia fields to find the plants.
- S. Mattern also mentioned numerous projects such as butterfly and caterpillar release, butterfly trails. S. Mattern is going to find out what species of butterflies are most attracted to milkweed plants.
- M. Gibson is going to contact Charlie Boos at Mystic Natives to sponsor a current program, like the owl presentation recently at the library.

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

M. Snurkowski is going to go out to the property with a GPS and S. Mattern is going to give him the boundary coordinates to map out the land.

**d) Kendall Property.**

M. Gibson mentioned that there are many interesting rare species, i.e. spade footed toad, on this property and that it may provide opportunities for tours in a couple of years.

**e) Farm Tours.**

G. Piszczek said that his neighbor, Tim Spanos is going to be raising beef cows and the beef is high end Japanese beef called Colby.

L. Crary said that the deadline for the Pipeline is May 1 and the Pipeline comes out May 23. L. Crary and the Commission agreed that June 9, 10 or July might work for farm tours. S. Mattern will check with Clark Woodmansee to see what date might work for him. L. Crary is going to prepare a Farm Tour article for the pipeline. S. Mattern will write an article for Farm Dating Program.

**f) State Hospital Development.**

L. Crary said that the project is at least a year behind the original schedule.

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

G. Piszczek will schedule a hike to walk the property when things dry up

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

G. Piszczek will write a letter once he hikes the River Road property.

**i) Goals for 2018**

B. Little read the goals from the Regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 per M. Gibson's request.

**j) Comprehensive Zoning Revisions**

G. Piszczek said we're in a holding pattern for now.

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

No discussion

**9. New Business**

M. Gibson mentioned the Mitchell Preserve and said that cedars are falling all over the place and that they are in the way of trails and electrical wires. She is wondering if there is a way of combining a need of cedars with removal of cedars that would work to everyone's benefit. It wouldn't be a money making project but more of a goodwill project. G. Piszczek and M. Gibson agreed to take a look and walk the property.

**10. Meanderings**

**11. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah H. Little  
Recorder