

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Preston Town Hall
Monday, April 23, 2018
7:30 pm.
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 -

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier
Sandy Pimental - seated

Recorder

Roberta Charpentier

Chairman Piszczek seated Sandy Pimental

3. Approval of the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

No public present.

5. Communications

a) Letter dated April 6, 2018 from Aquarion Water Company, Bruce Silverstone, VP – Corporate Communications to Preston Conservation & Agricultural Commission, Gary Piszczek, Chair Regarding Aquarion Environmental Champion awards and nominating business.

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations.

Tabled

b) Farm Dating Program

S. Mattern spoke with Diane Hansen about students working on a project for the CAC. D. Hansen said it was too late in the year to start a project. D. Hansen was interested in the students making Preston Heritage Boards in the Fall.

Chairman Piszczek asked S. Mattern to let D. Hansen know that he and M. Snurkowski will be growing pumpkins for the students to paint in the Fall.

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.

d) Kendall Property

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

e) Farm Tours

S. Mattern left a message with Clarky Woodmansee.

Chairman Piszczek noted July or August, Saturday or Sunday. Whichever works for C. Woodmansee and E. Mattern.

f) State Hospital Development

Nothing new to report

g) Notable Tree of CT: 149 River Road.

Chairman Piszczek, will email members with a date to hike to the tree.

h) Management update letter for Mrs. Przyborowski.

Chairman Piszczek will take care of the letter.

i) Goal for 2018

No discussion

j) Comprehensive Zoning Revisions

Being worked on; K. Warzecha will email them when they are completed

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

No discussion

9. New Business

a) Joint meeting with Avalonia

Chairman Piszczek spoke with Sue Sutherland who does a lot of outreach for Avalonia. S. Sutherland is interested in coming to a CAC meeting to discuss what is going on in Preston, and the Kendall property.

Chairman Piszczek noted that before inviting her he would like the Commission to vote on it.

Chairman Piszczek asked for a vote on having a joint meeting with Avalonia.

All in favor.

b) Roadside Blight

Chairman Piszczek stated that his wife filled 3 garbage bags and found 4 televisions from 1 mile area on Miller Road.

Chairman Piszczek suggested the CAC sponsor a Town clean-up day.

- Advertise it in the Pipeline
- Ask Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director to help organize.
- L. Crary will talk to the 1st Selectman.

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder