

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023
Preston Town Hall
7:30 pm.**

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 - absent
Lynwood Crary
Margaret Gibson
Sandy Pimentel
Ted Zajac

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier - seated
Rebecca Hayes - excused

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Chairman Piszczek seated R. Charpentier

3. Approval of the March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by G. Piszczek to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

No Comments

5. Communications

- a) Email: March 25, 2023: Connecticut Audubon Society, Popular Day Trips
- b) Letter: April 3, 2023: Connecticut Audubon Society, Northeast Corner Programs, Spring 2023
- c) Email: April 6, 2023: CT DEEP; Wildlife Highlights April 2023
- d) Letter: April 7, 2023: Peter Fazekas regarding Non-profit grant awards, May 5, 2023 deadline
- e) Email: Connecticut Audubon Society Summer Camp for children ages 9 to 13
- f) Email: April 10, 2023: Connecticut Audubon Society, regarding upcoming programs
- g) Email: April 11, 2023: CT Land Conservation Council, Weekly eNews
- h) Email: April 13, 2023: CT Land Conservation Council, monthly update
- I) Letter: The Last Green Valley Inc., invitation to their Annual Meeting on May 25, 2023
- j) Email: April 18, 2023: Connecticut Audubon Society, regarding 2023 Migration Madness/Birdathon on May 20 & 21

6. Public Hearing

None

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations – Agrihood Planning

G. Piszczek shared an article he found on “Cluster Design” and suggested it be used to present the idea to Planning & Zoning.

b) State Hospital Development

G. Piszczek noted that they have been taking trees down

c) Beaver report

nothing to report

d) Petroglyph in Preston, CT

Because of all the rain it is under water

e) The Right to Farm Ordinance

L. Crary has continued to work on this

f) POCD

Town Planner, Kathy Warzecha offered to come to a meeting to assist if needed. Amos Lake to the Cove as a waterway and Route 2 to the Quinebaug river (Eversource right of way) being designated as a Wildlife Corridor.

g) Ordinance for tax exemption for farm equipment increased to \$200,000

Discussed under e) the Right to Farm Ordinance

8. Boots on the Ground – paddles in the water report, Amos Lake Association.

Pat Monahan, Amos Lake Association was not present

9. Membership

a) Ted Zajac – need the corrected term to be reinstated. Term ending 11/18/2025

G. Piszczek will get this corrected

10. New Business

a) ECCD – Rain Garden – Riparian Buffer Project – Zoom Presentation

May 5th at 1:00 pm

b) Earth Day trash pickup

No one signed up so it was canceled

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

RT Charpentier

Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary

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