

**Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 26, 2021
Preston Town Hall
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
Lynwood Crary
Margaret Gibson - absent
Sandy Pimentel
Ted Zajac

Alternates

Roberta Charpentier - seated

Chairman Piszczek seated R. Charpentier

3. Approval of the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajac to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Comments from the Public

None

5. Communications

a) Postcard received from FSA County Committee (COC) Elections 2021

5. Public Hearings

None

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by M. Snurkowski to amend the agenda by moving up New Business, Tri-Town Trail next on the Agenda.

All in favor. Motion carries.

6. New Business

a) Tri-Town Trail

Bea Reynolds, Tri-Town Trail Board Member gave a presentation of the history of the Trail.

- When complete, the trail will stretch fourteen miles from Bluff Point north through the central areas of Groton and Ledyard, to Preston Community Park.
- In 2009, Kent and Frost Landscape Architect and Design was hired to develop the Master Plan.

- Groton gave the okay to put up signs at Bluff Point
- Groton Utilities and Tri-Town Trail are having discussions about accessing GU property
- Numerous crossings were built during 2021
- Spicer Rock
- Colonial foundation and dug well
- Mature forest

October 3rd the Grand Opening of the trail at Preston Community Park
Fun run, food trucks, Ribbon cutting ceremony, Amby Burfoot is attending

R. Charpentier stated that Preston's Boy Scout Troop 75 has had 2 Eagle Projects on the trail. One scout paid for and built a bog crossing and the other scout is building and installing benches.

B. Reynolds noted that a cross walk is needed because Park patrons cross the road to use the trail and the trail's parking lot is also used as overflow parking when Preston Park's lot is full. So residents are crossing the street to get to a sporting event at the Park.

B. Reynolds noted that in 14 miles this trail only crosses 4 major roads

M. Snurkowski asked if the cross walk is located in Preston or Ledyard

B. Reynolds answered Preston.

L. Crary stated that when Bob Congdon was Selectman he had a cross walk installed on Route 164 for the church, and it was not that hard to get done.

Chairman Gary Piszczek stated that this Commission will send a letter of endorsement for the cross walk to the BoS.

Chairman Gary Piszczek stated that he has walked the trail and was very impressed.

A motion was made by L. Crary and seconded by T. Zajak that the CaC send a letter of support for a crosswalk on Rout 117 across from the Community Park to the Tri-Town Trail.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Web Page: [Tri Town Trail Association](#)

Face Book Page: [Tri-Town Trail Association, Inc | Facebook](#)

7. Old Business

a) Clustered Zoning Regulations

No Comments

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

M. Snurkowsi will speak to Sue Mattern about contacting Diane Hansen

c) State Hospital Development

Nothing to report

d) Beaver bumper report

The beavers left and they won't come back

e) Petroglyph in Preston, CT

M. Snurkowski noted that the water is currently too high to look for the petroglyph

f) Kendall Property Update

Avalonia will not be purchasing the Kendall property.

g) Pumpkins for Preston Plan

Pumpkins have been planted

h) Dog Rock Maintenance

The area has been cleaned up

I) Blue Water Development

Possibly on hold

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

None

10. Meanderings

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by and seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,



**Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary**