

## Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting

4:30 PM, November 7, 2019

Members: Rick Holloway\*, Sandy Prisloe, Peggy Wilson\*\*, Pat Woomeer\*\*, Margot Burns, Ted Taigen, Lisa Wahle (\* = not in attendance, \*\* present but awaiting reappointment as terms expired 11/1/19)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

**Minutes:** no action

**Audience of citizens:** Grant Russell-Walsh attended the meeting to discuss his plans for pollinator gardens at the Water Street parking lot and in parking islands at Town Hall. The commission was very supportive of his plans. He also discussed plans to mitigate Japanese Knotweed at several locations – Laurel Hill Cemetery, Water Street parking lot and CLT properties including the Carini and Scudder preserves. The commission was very supportive of his plans and will endorse efforts to eradicate Japanese Knotweed on town properties; however, the commission suggested he discuss actions on CLT properties with the CLT Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Ted Taigen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Wahle, it was voted to support Grant Russell-Walsh's efforts to mitigate Japanese Knotweed on town owned properties and elsewhere in Chester. Voting for: Wilson, Taigen, Burns, Prisloe

On a motion by Ted Taigen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Wahle, it was voted to support Grant Russell-Walsh's efforts to plan and plant pollinator gardens on town-owned properties. Voting for: Wilson, Taigen, Burns, Prisloe

**Correspondence:** Copies of CACIWC Newsletter were distributed

### Old Business

- a. Envirotips: Peggy has a series of tips ready for the fall.
- b. EnviroTips Publication: **Ted**, no report
- c. Laurel Hill Cemetery overlook: **Ted**, no report
- d. SustainableCT: **Pat**, nothing to report
- e. Storm Drain Stenciling: **Sandy**, Additional stenciling will be done in the next few weeks.

### New Business

- a. There was no new business

**Adjournment:** 5:50 PM

**Next meeting December 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Prisløe for R. Holloway