

**Conservation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018  
7:30pm Clifford B. Green Building**

**Present:** Diane Wimmer, Jeannine Noel, Michael Oatley, Dana Heilemann, and April Lamothe;  
Recording Secretary

- 1) **Call to Order:** Diane Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to approve the May 7, 2018 minutes. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **New Business:** Michael Oatley received an email from JoAnn Lohbusch that the Last Green Valley had contacted JoAnn Lohbusch about including Davis Forest/disc golf into Walktober. Michael Oatley questioned how Walktober combines with disc golf. Discussion ensued. He will find out exactly what the Last Green Valley wanted.
  - a) **Subdivision:** None
  - b) **Reports on Sustainable Communities and Rain Gardens:**
    - **Sustainable Communities:** Diane Wimmer gave the Sustainable CT pamphlets to Rick Ives and Jeannine Noel emailed him about an introductory video on Sustainable CT's website. The project will be brought up again after the budget is passed.
    - **Rain Gardens:** Jeannine Noel said that there will be a local workshop at the UConn Extension Center on Wolf Den on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. More information about the Rain Garden Workshops is available on the Conservation Commission's webpage. Jeannine Noel reported that there is grant money available to set up the garden. Diane Wimmer asked if there was a deadline; Jeannine Noel will find out and see if they can help to pick a location. Diane Wimmer also mention placing rain barrels at the Town Hall for the Garden Club to water their flowers. Possible locations for the rain garden: being the schools, in front of the Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Riverside Park where the concession stand was proposed, and Riverside Park near the ballfield.
- 4) **Financial Matters:** Diane Wimmer attended the Town Hearing and the Commission's budget was not questioned; especially since the Commission lowered their budget this year.
- 5) **Subcommittee Reports:** Diane Wimmer reported that she went through 150 peat pots during the Family Fun Day. She spent \$20 to purchase 200 peat pots and seeds from Ocean State Job Lot and soil at Hart's. The rest of the supplies were donated to Parks and Recreation.
- 6) **Old Business:** Dana Heilemann planted the rest of the plants at Riverside. She said that the coneflowers, bee balm, and blueberries are doing well. She also planted sedum. Jeannine Noel suggested planting more blubs next year along Creamery Brook. Dana Heilemann suggested planting milkweed.
- 7) **Correspondence:** Diane Wimmer passed out the Winter/Spring 2018 issue of *The Habitat*.
- 8) **Public Comment:** None
- 9) **Adjournment:** Diane Wimmer noted that the next meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup>. Michael Oatley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sincerely Submitted,  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary