

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 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 February 3, 2018 minutes. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **New Business:**
  - a) **Subdivision Reviews:** None
  - b) **Annual Report:** Jeannine Noel updated the annual report and submitted it to the Town.
    - Diane Wimmer mentioned that during April vacation she will reach out to Doug about signs.
- 4) **Financial Matters:**
  - a) **Budget for 2018-19:** Diane Wimmer submitted the budget to Kathy Erickson.
  - b) **Flower and Plant Sale:** Discussion took place about what plants to purchase from the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District spring plant sale. It was decided to purchase: 2 ox eye sunflower, 2 New England aster, 1 wild columbine, 2 common milkweed, 2 false indigo, 2 coneflower, and 2 spotted bee balm. Michael Oatley made a motion to spend \$174.50 on plants. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Diane Wimmer will ask the Finance Department to write and submit a check. The Commission will plant on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for a copy of the *ECCD Outlook* newsletter and see the 2018 ECCD spring seedling and plant sale.

Diane Wimmer mentioned that the Thompson Public Library has installed rain gardens; Dana Heilemann mentioned that Riverside Park would be a good place to try a rain garden, especially where it gets muddy from the rains. Diane Wimmer said that the Commission should look into it. Dana Heilemann asked if the Last Green Valley might fund a rain garden as a way to stop pollution. Diane Wimmer said that they could ask, once they have more information. She also suggested having a rain garden at the Teen Center.
- 5) **Subcommittee Reports:** None
- 6) **Old Business:** None
- 7) **Correspondence:** The Commission received a poster from the Aquarion Water Company to help find Connecticut's environmental champion. The Company is currently accepting nominations for the 2018 awards program. The Commission does not have any projects that qualify or know of any projects that they could nominate.
- 8) **Public Comment:** None
- 9) **Adjournment:** Michael Oatley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sincerely Submitted,  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary