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# TOWN OF WOODBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## WOODBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 7:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL MEETING

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Taylor, Chairman  
D. Schultz (*arrived 7:04 p.m.*)  
L. Peters  
J. Sherman  
L. Pittari  
A. Musso

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

### 1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Taylor began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

### 2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Taylor presented the minutes of the February 25, 2021, Conservation Commission meeting.

### MOTION:

L. Peters moved and J. Sherman seconded to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021, Conservation Commission meeting as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0 in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

Chairman Taylor noted that if necessary, Privilege of the Floor will be added to the agenda later in the meeting.

### 4. CURRENT BUSINESS

#### a) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Update

J. Sherman updated the Commission regarding the Woolly Adelgid project. He has spoken to Carol Cheah of Tree Savers and she noted that deliveries of beetles are starting to be made in the

southern part of the country. There are weather related risks such as cold nights that need to be avoided to ensure success. J. Sherman will be accepting the delivery and they will be stored in a cool dark place. The anticipated delivery schedule is the third or fourth week of April. Chairman Taylor asked if there is a risk if the weather gets too warm. J. Sherman does not believe so. He will keep the Commission updated.

**b) Newsletter &**

**c) Mapping Hemlock Stands** (These items were discussed concurrently)

Chairman Taylor started by saying that he would like the Woolly Adelgid Project to be highlighted in the newsletter. He would like to raise awareness and get the public involved in identifying hemlock stands. L. Pittari inquired as to how many trees make a stand or a group large enough to be an issue. J. Sherman stated that he thinks the public should report whatever they see and then each area can be judged as to if it is a significant risk or not. Nonnewaug falls was a significant risk not because of the number of trees, but due to the trees holding together the steep river banks which is critical. Discussion ensued regarding some different areas in town that are worth paying attention too for next year. Since it would be a significant cost to individual homeowners, it was suggested to form a collective group of multiple homeowners to reduce shipping costs.

There will also be a need for collecting the information on where trees are located, on which property, and how to maintain and track the data. Chairman Taylor instructed the members to think on this and formulate some ideas for the next meeting.

**d) Town Clean-up Day Recap**

J. Sherman gave the report on clean-up day. He stated there were more people helping than had officially signed up. There was a nice write-up in the Sunday Waterbury Republican American about the activity. A representative from Peanut Planet was there to collect packing peanuts for recycling. This was the first interaction with this particular company. Older packing peanuts were highly desired. It is not certain what the future arrangement will be with this organization.

**e) Municipal Composting**

L. Peters stated that she has been reading a lot on the subject, but has not formulated any specific ideas. She stated how distressing it is to find out that many of Connecticut energy producing garbage disposal plants are closing, therefore requiring that the garbage is shipped to other states. She would like to start focusing on home composting. This topic will be highlighted in the newsletter and hopefully in a Conservation Talk. A. Musso forwarded a link to the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority ([hrra.org](http://hrra.org)) for a virtual program on home composting. L. Pittari stated that the Bethlehem Conservation Commission could be contacted to connect with Recycle CT again for a conservation talk. A. Musso noted that Sustainable Southbury has been posting a lot about surrounding towns that have well established municipal composting programs. L. Peters will try contacting these towns to find out how they have been successful. She will also see if there are any initiatives from DEEP.

**f) Committee for Sustainable CT**

Maryellen Edwards (Town Planner), who had mentioned this initiative last month, realized that upon further research, it was not attainable for the town to make certification for this year. She will send the information out so that the town can reach certification for May of 2022.

**g) POCD Implementation Summary 4.1: Brochure Describing Open Space Values**

A. Musso created and shared two mock up designs for the brochure. One is for a tri-fold brochure; the other is for a two-sided full page. The designs featured the main open space areas with a key of open space value icons. Each area showed what values were at that location with the icons accompanied by a photo and brief description. The Commission was very happy with her ideas. She forwarded them to the Commission members to review for the next meeting.

**h) Discussion: Returning to In-person Meetings**

Chairman Taylor opened the discussion by asking Ms. Edwards of the logistics of being in person. There is a conference call device for people to be able to call in that are not able to attend in person. Masks still need to be worn and social distance rules need to be observed. Within the next month most members will be fully vaccinated and are more comfortable with this option. D. Schultz commented that he feels that it is actually harder to hear people in person when masked and so prefers to stay virtual. If in-person meetings are resumed, he would prefer Thursday morning meetings again. The consensus was to have next month's meeting remain virtual and then most likely resume in-person meetings after that to remain on Tuesday evenings.

L. Peters mentioned that a candidate has been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Commission which should be approved at the next Board of Selectmen meeting allowing the candidate to be present at the May meeting.

**5. MEMBER TIME**

There were no comments from the members at this time.

**6. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be held on May, 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

L. Peters moved and J. Sherman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Vote: 6-0-0 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robyn Wright*

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This 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021  
at 11:55 o'clock A M  
*Janice A. Carl*  
Town Clerk

*Copies of documents and meeting audio are available at the Land Use Office*