

## Canaan Conservation Commission

### Minutes

June 7, 2021

Attendees: Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Len Reitsma, Thomas Opper, Cody Hussey, Alice Schori, Noel Everts, Dave McAlister

Special Guest: Marcello Shelzi

### Minutes

Len moved we accept the May minutes, Thomas seconded the motion, all approved.

### CCC: Land conservation Goals and discussion

Other CCC have a method to prioritize parcels for various reasons- have ability to create map/index to establish prioritized list of lands

ArcGIS- \$500/year

Cody reaching out to see if we can access the town's existing software.

Question- does land in conservation get taxed at the normal rate?

Would select board support CCC helping fund conservation easements?

Focus initial search on properties in current use- won't have tax implication for town

The CCC should present a proposal to the select board – they will need to weigh in on every property

### The Kate Brooks Memorial

Gardener's supply has trees. We need to pick a date.

There will be significant donations in Kate's memory that require a plan. We still really like the idea of creating more of a garden and with the town hall in flux or at least somewhat in the future, perhaps we can do something around the meetinghouse. There were suggestions of benches and picnic tables which could also be useful for weddings and other events.

NOTES:

Picnic tables- Would they need to be brought in during the winter? Three to five tables. Maybe get other sponsors for the tables.

Gardens

Some sort of plaque

Maybe develop the old road

Talk to the garden club, Len- to mention this to them on Tuesday

Bill to reach out to Margaret Laffin

Would we need a crosswalk to the beach

### Commission Members

Bill Chabot: Chair,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2024

Len Reitsma:  
3 year term ending  
August 31, 2022

Elizabeth Chabot:  
Secretary,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2022

Thomas Opper: 3  
year term ending  
January 2024

Cody Hussey:  
3 year term ending  
January 2024

### **Alternates:**

Alice Schori

Noel Everts

### **Selectboard Representative:**

Dave McAlister

## Town Forest

- The white trail needs to be remarked
- Need to do some weedwacking along route 4.
- Board walk needs to be built. This would be a great grant project.
  - Hemlock, not PT, or maybe Trex
- Improve the mapping/little brochure

## New Funding for Forest Conservation- Future discussion

### FUNDING SOURCES ~ Cody

Cody pulled together some local and federal sources. Started a presentation that's located in the google drive folder. High level overview of what's out there for funding and timeline for application.

## Misc

- July meeting at the Meetinghouse.
- Alice- would like to show the group what wild chervil looks like. Would be great to have invasive species plant ID
- Town website- need to update.

Motion to adjourn made by Len, seconded by Elizabeth

Next Meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2021

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*