

Agenda
Tolland Conservation Commission
Zoom Remote Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Seating of Alternate(s)**
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Additions/Changes to Agenda**
- 6. New Business**
 - 6.1. Planning for Bigfoot Event
 - 6.2. Invasive Jumping Worms Presentation
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. Reports from Head Steward and Subcommittees**
 - 8.1. Conservation Corp (Bob Rubino)
 - 8.2. Management Plans (Gene)
 - 8.3. Communication and Education (Jane)
 - 8.4. Property Boundaries and Trail Mapping (Adam)
 - 8.5. Town Owned Property Evaluations (Gene)
 - 8.6. Wanat Property Design Implementation (Peggy, Jane)
 - 8.7. Grant Writing and Fund Raising (Peggy)
- 9. Reports/Information from Other Organizations**
 - 9.1. Upcoming Events at CT Audubon
- 10. Staff Updates (David Corcoran)**
- 11. Items for Next Meeting**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Approve Minutes – January 11, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- 14. Adjournment**

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Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order 7:01 PM

2. Roll Call:

TCC Members: G. Koss, J. Simao, A. Grossman, K. Ackerman, S. McGown

Public: D. Corcoran (Town Planner), B. Rubino (TCC Head Steward), A. Charbonneau, A.Noonan (Town Council Liaison)

3. Election of Officers:

Discussion held about candidates for Chair opening. Motion by G. Koss to nominate J. Simao, second by A. Grossman. Motion unanimously approved. Motion by A. Grossman to nominate G. Koss for Vice Chair, second by K. Ackerman. Motion unanimously approved. Both J. Simao and G. Koss offered to return to their former positions if J. Hutton returns to the commission and would like to resume the Chair position.

4. Seating of Alternate(s) none

5. Public Comments:

As newly appointed liaison from the Town Council, A. Noonan requested clarification of the Commission's purpose. D. Corcoran described the duties of the Commission. A. Charbonneau introduced herself as new to town with a background as an environmental consultant.

6. Additions/Changes to Agenda none

7. New Business none

8. Old Business

8.1. "Bigfoot" Licensing/Event

The date of March 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Luce Conservation was decided upon.

Events and activities were discussed to be revisited at February meeting.

8.2. Recreational Trails Grant Opportunity

This grant is currently taking applications. Suggestion was made by B. Rubino to look into a connecting trail with Shenipset Blue Dot trail through Shafran Conservation Area. He and G. Koss will coordinate on this.

9. Reports from Head Steward and Subcommittees

9.1. Conservation Corp (Bob Rubino):

Year End Report on Tolland Conservation Corps - 25 stewards manage/maintain 19 properties. 10 trail Days were held in 2023, resulting in 388 volunteer hours. 41% of that work was repair needed related to water events. Community outreach with 6th graders was highly successful. Wanat Phase II was completed. Phase III involves trail to the silo and silo murals.

9.2. Management Plans (Gene, Jim): no report

9.3. Communication and Education (Jane):

Women's Hiking Group December Hike at Shafran attended by 4 women

9.4. Property Boundaries and Trail Mapping (Adam): no report

9.5. Town Owned Property Evaluations (Gene, Jim): no report

9.6. Wanat Property Design Implementation (Peggy, Jane): Phase III on deck

9.7. Grant Writing and Fund Raising (Peggy, Jim): no report

10. Reports/Information from Other Organizations

no reports

11. Staff Updates (David Corcoran)

Land Acquisition Advisory Committee needs a new representative. A. Grossman volunteered.

Lake Bonair property is for sale. D. Corcoran will reach out to realtor

12. Items for Next Meeting

Planning for Bigfoot Event

Invasive Jumping Worms Presentation (B. Rubino)

13. Announcements none

14. Approve Minutes – November 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion A. Grossman, second G. Koss, Unanimously approved

15. Adjournment

Motion by G. Koss, second A. Grossman, Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned 8:22 PM

Submitted by J. Simao