

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278**

**Special Meeting Minutes zoom meeting
Tuesday December 20, 2022 7:00PM**

**Attendance: Pamm Summers, Bill Dubinsky, Stephanie Dubinsky, Steve Morytko,
Christine Acebo and Loretta Wrobel.**

- 1. Call to Order—7:04PM**
- 2. Approval of Minutes-none**
- 3. Approval of Treasurer’s Report-none**
- 4. Correspondence and Publications received-none**
- 5. Presentations -none**
- 6. Member Reports and Projects-none**
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Farmers Market-market will have a new market master, Jackie Kulig, Willow Valley Farm. She has been part of market for several years. We thank Julie +Todd, Barton Farms, who have successfully guided our market for many years and arranged for Jackie to succeed her,**
 - B. Tremko Trail Signage-Bill created wonderful kiosk for Tremko Trail Link. Map will need to be laminated. Bill will look into it.**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. OTOF meeting-Joan Nichols, Ct Farm Bureau spoke at OT/OF which was well attended, she represented what is going on in farming in CT, farms are tending to be bigger + indoor agriculture is increasing due to climate change, long discussion followed about effects on land esp. hydrology with large indoor agriculture. Talked of need for more education about impact on land in rural towns like Ashford, need to educate PZC regarding both sides of large-scale agriculture, how to balance encouraging farming and protecting our resources.**
 - B. CT Trails UConn website-Steve discovered website that hopes to gather info on all trails in CT, will include our 3 trails Langhammer, Tremko Trail and Memorial Park. Maps and description + pictures**
 - C. Potential Forestry Land for Preservation- 90+ acres on Boston Hollow Rd and Nagy for sale, JT interested in this special parcel abutting Yale Forest. Loretta in contact with Bryan Avery JT, Mike D’Amato +Jeff Silver-Smith PXC chair, important contact Mark Ashton, Yale Forest.**
 - D. Other Business-none**
- 9. Public Comments-none**
- 10. Discussion of Agenda- Loretta to prepare agenda for January 23,2023 meeting**
- 11. Adjournment-7:55PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Wrobel