

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278
CC Minutes zoom meeting**

Monday January 23, 2023 7:00PM

Attendance: Christine Acebo, Janet Bellamy, Stephanie +Bill Dubinsky, Steve Morytko, Pamm Summers, Gwen Haaland, + Loretta Wrobel

- 1. Call to Order-7:02**
- 2. Approval of Minutes-none**
- 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report-none**
- 4. Correspondence and Publications received-extend deadline for Spring Outdoors**
- 5. Presentations-none**
- 6. Member Reports and Projects-none**
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Farmers Market-new market master Jackie Kulig, Willow Valley Farm, may have new vegetable vendor, Julie Barton not returning as vendor**
 - B. Ct Trails Website update -more in spring**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. CLCC membership-Loretta asked CC to review website to see about becoming members, voice at Capitol, work with land trusts, involved with CACIWC**
 - B. Interstate 84 Interchange-Public hearing 7PM Feb 13 at PZC meeting to discuss change in zoning regs for area around Ashford Motel, 2020 previous hearing same landowner requesting similar changes, got voted down due to potential for harm to waterways, poor soil drainage, traffic increase and impact on dark sky, new changes request adding distribution centers, warehouses, research centers plus bigger buildings, Jean Pillo, ECCD, sent an extensive assessment/review of area detailing impact on water resources, soil drainage, forested area, wildlife + septic system concerns. CC members encouraged to attend hearing or write letter, lengthy discussion, Loretta to send letter to PZC encouraging careful review of ECCD's recommendations**
 - C. Program on reducing waste/trash- summer/fall program educating about composting +reducing waste, partner with Clean Energy, April 23? trash pickup**
 - D. Other Business-spring outdoors deadline Feb 6 for program booklet**
- 9. Public Comments-none**
- 10. Discussion of Agenda-Loretta to set agenda for Feb 27**
- 11. Adjournment-8:19PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Wrobel, chair