

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

**Monday January 22, 2024 7:00PM
Ashford Town Hall**

Attendance, Janet Bellamy, Gwen Haaland, Stephanie + Bill Dubinsky, Christine Acebo, Pamm Summers, and Loretta Wrobel. Dan Donahue guest

- 1. Call to Order:7:01PM**
- 2. Approval of Minutes-11-27-23 minutes approved by those at Nov. meeting**
- 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. Reappointment to CC- everyone reappointed except Pamm due to party affiliation only D's with 1 U, next appointment needs to not be a D**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Dan Donahue discussing 2025 POCD concerns- Dan stressed importance of maintaining rural character, preserving undeveloped lands (such as Cadlerock property) undeveloped land benefit to town, no services such as schools and road maintenance, much discussion about how to educate residents about retaining Ashford's rural character as many residents spoke of importance of rural character when speaking at mega warehouse public hearings, need to use science based analysis for PCOD, how does town use their assets to revamp image + show strength, best methods for sustainability, positive economic benefits from undeveloped lands, commercial sprawl degrades town + viability, Dan contact JT to arrange meeting with CC to share landscape data, get PDF of strategic action plan to CC members, we are in Eastern Highlands, now regionally driven landscape plans focusing on different layers + areas, open space positive private or public, focus on abundance of outdoor recreation, wildlife, clean water, pollinator gardens, bird migrations, quiet, healthy natural resources, model for biodiversity, KAR has done good job educating residents, Key points keeping Ashford rural, transparency + conservation**
 - B. CC Input to PZC regarding2025 POCD-next meeting**
 - C. Other Business-none**
- 9. Public Comments-none**
- 10. Discussion of Agenda-Loretta prepare agenda for 2-26-24 meeting**
- 11. Adjournment-8-55PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Wrobel**