

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
OCTOBER 11, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING at 7:30 P.M.**

**MUNICIPAL CENTER  
ROOM 302**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** *M. Burris, L. Lozier, D. Tyrrell, L. Noble, J. Sepko, A. Marino*

**ABSENT:** *Joey Catanzaro, Town Council Liaison*

**II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

*None*

**III. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS/ CHAIR REPORT**

*M. Burris distributed an email from the Pequabuck River Watershed Association announcing that Dennis Quinn, herpetologist and co-author of Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles in Connecticut will be speaking and giving a tour at the Barnes Nature Center on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.*

*M. Burris talked about brainstorming ideas for Paderewski Park to discuss with the Town Manager at the meeting in November.*

**IV. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** *L. Lozier to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023.*

**Seconded by:** *R. Paz*

***All in Favor    4 to 0 Motion Passes***

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Tomasso Nature Park**

*J. Sepko said that 10 plants were purchased from Earth Tones Nursery. Plants are native to the region. Plantings have been completed near the turtle beds. The town has installed wooden posts with orange paint as markers. J. Sepko emailed a list of the plants to the board members.*

*A. Marino said that the beavers are back at Tomasso Nature Park. The Mama has returned with 6 – 8 babies. Turtle beds are clean. A bobcat was seen along with 2 bucks and 4 does.*

**b. Paderewski Park Pond**

*Town Council will be continuing the discussion about Paderewski Park Pond. M. Burris talked about brainstorming ideas for Paderewski Park to discuss with the Town Manager at the meeting in November. Past ideas have either not come to fruition or have not been followed, i.e., signs posted. The town will have to assume responsibility and enforce its own ordinances. It was suggested that a volunteer group be organized of retired police officers to patrol the park as was done in the past by Conservation officers. M. Burris asked commissioners to bring ideas to the November meeting.*

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

*October 28th is the Clean-up at West Street Cemetery from 9:00am – 12:00noon. J. Sepko will bring supplies. M. Burris and L. Lozier will bring waiver forms and snacks.*

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A motion was made by:** *L. Lozier to approve the report as presented.*

**Seconded by:** *R. Paz*                      ***All in Favor 4 to 0***      ***Motion Passes***

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

*It was suggested that schools be contacted to put together aesthetic markers for the new plantings at Tomasso Park.*

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made by:** *L. Lozier to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.*

**Seconded by:** *D. Tyrrell*      ***All in Favor 4 to 0***      ***Motion Passes***

Respectfully submitted,

***Dawn Guite***

Recording Secretary