



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
10 MAPLE AVENUE
BEACON FALLS, CT06403**

**MEETINGMINUTES
July 11, 2017**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pro Tem Ruth Burritt called the meeting to order at **6:32 pm.**

Commissioners Present: Ruth Burritt, Bill Burritt, Rich Minnick, Mike Opuszynski, Ashleigh Doherty, Sophie Zyla

Commissioners Absent: Tonya Gutierro

2. Announcements

New Commissioner Sophie Zyla was welcomed to the Conservation Commission. Sophie brings a wealth of experience, information, and a love for nature to the Board.

3. Comments from the Public

Past Chairman Bonnie Chevarella was present to help out with transitional issues if needed.

4. Approval of Minutes

R. Minnick moved to accept the minutes of May 9th. & June 13th., 2017. Seconded by A. Doherty. All in favor, motion passes 5-0, 1 abstain.

5. Correspondence

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| 1. Owl event info | 4. R. Minnick letter re: heavy truck traffic |
| 2. Email from C. Bielik re: AARP grant | 5. The Habitat (CACIWAC) |
| 3. B.O.S. Letter re: S. Zyla's appt. | 6. Regional Water Authority report |

6. Old Business

1. CT Trails to be guided for 2018

2. Trail Blazing at Lantern Ridge Park.
3. New sign for Lantern Ridge Park
4. D.E.E.P. Fish Survey at Toby's Landing.

7. New Business

1. R. Minnick's letter re: heavy truck traffic with material from Naugatuck.
2. Discussion re: defoliant at Toby's Landing. S. Zyla concerned over effect on birds in area. Considerable discussion of pros & cons of different methods.
3. Membership on the CT Land Conservation Council discussed. M. Opuszynski to investigate and report back to Commission.
4. M. Opuszynski and Commissioners discussed the Town's agreement with Green B.F. LLC regarding the solar project off Lopus Rd.

R. Minnick moved to add election of Chairman to tonight's agenda. Seconded by M. Opuszynski, all in favor. Motion passes. 6-0.

R. Minnick nominated Ruth Burritt for the position of Conservation Commission Chairman. Seconded by A. Doherty. No other nominations x 3. Secretary cast one ballot for Ruth Burritt for Chairman.

The Commission, after a brief discussion unanimously agreed to table the newly created opening for Vice Chairman till next meeting.

8. Petition of Commissioners

Both Ruth Burritt & Bill Burritt voiced serious concerns regarding criminal activity in the various town parks after hours. R. Burritt suggested working with other land use boards and commissions to alleviate the problems.

9. Payment of Invoices

M. Opuszynski moved to pay the invoice of \$229.72 for flashlights and the Clerks' invoice of \$86.00. Seconded by R. Minnick. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.

10. Adjournment

The next Conservation Commission regular monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday August 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the Beacon Falls Senior Center, 57 North Main Street.

With no other business **R. Minnick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Seconded by M. Opuszynski. All in Favor, motion passes 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk

CC:Conservation Comm.