

**TOWN OF CHESHIRE
ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018
TOWN HALL – ROOM 115 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members present were Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Jodee Heritage and new member Corrine Abbott.

Members not present: Matt Abdifar and Carrie Collins-White.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Heritage called the roll.

Members present were Bill Sherman, Bob DeVylder, Jodee Heritage and Corrine Abbott.

Matt Abdifar and Carrie Collins-White were not present.

III. Determination of Quorum

There were enough members present for a quorum.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

V. Acceptance of Minutes Special Meeting of January 17, 2018

Chairman Sherman stated that because there were not enough members present, that were on the Commission for the Special Meeting of January 17, 2018, they'd defer the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

VI. Communications

1. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Ms. Simone informed Commission members about the Freedom of Information Act that was sent to all boards and commissions as a reminder; there's information about preparation and filing of meeting minutes, meeting notices, etc.

2. Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Ms. Simone informed Commission members about the Conflict of Interest Ordinance and that it was sent to all boards and commissions as a reminder regarding how to behave (as a member of a commission or board).

VII. Calendar

Chairman Sherman asked Ms. Simone to provide an update on the calendar items:

1. Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, 2018
2. Trails Day, Saturday, June 3, 2018

Ms. Simone reported that she's working on two different events with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Town of Southington; one involves cleaning an area of the Quinnipiac River and the other is taking canoes rides. She explained details for the events are still being worked out and they are still working on getting use of canoes and kayaks.

Ms. Heritage asked if there were enough bags left to give out at the events; she also suggested having insect repellent available for participants. She said she'd look into the possibility of getting repellent donated.

Ms. Abbott suggested the possibility of getting businesses to donate the use of canoes and kayaks for the event.

Ms. Simone said she'd look into this suggestion.

Ms. Simone reported to Commission members about the spring events that took place at the library; saying in spite of some weather issues, the events were well attended (40-50 people); programs included Container Gardening, Climate Change, Your Edible Landscape, and Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There were no unfinished business items.

IX. New Business

1. Commission Goals 2018

Chairman Sherman asked Commission members to come up with goals/ideas for 2018. He asked those present if they had any ideas.

Chairman Sherman noted there're volunteer opportunities at the fall festival and trail's day.

Mr. DeVylder said he wanted to do something with the mud crossing at the DeDominicis property.

Ms. Simone noted that they need to be able to allow for horses to cross.

Mr. DeVylder also commented about the need for access to the Mixville Hills property.

Ms. Simone said she's working with the Town of Wolcott, and she'll be going to Planning and Zoning regarding getting town approval for parking at the head of the parcel. She talked about the location designated for a proposed parking area.

Chairman Sherman said he'd be looking to Commission members to bring maintenance issues to the town's attention.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Sherman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Moved by Mr. DeVylder. Seconded by Ms. Heritage. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carla Mills
Recording Secretary