



**BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**10 MAPLE AVENUE**  
**BEACON FALLS, CT 06403**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
March 12, 2019

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Ruth Burritt called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm in the Beacon Falls Senior Center.

Commissioners Present: Kristen Jabanoski, Andrew Keane, Lori Brant, Ruth Burritt

Commissioners Absent: Mike Opuszynski, (two open positions)

**2. Announcements**

None

**3. Comments from the Public**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February 12, 2019 were reviewed. **K. Jabanoski moved to accept them as corrected. A. Keane seconded. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

**5. Review of Town Commission & Board Minutes.**

1. CGS HB 5254, an act concerning funding municipal projects to purchase open space currently before the Board of Selectmen.
2. B.O.S.- Tree work at various locations in town.

**6. Correspondence**

1. CT Land Conservation Council conference Wesleyan University, March 23, 2019.

2. A. Banyacsy copied the Commission with correspondence to Park & Rec Commission re: trails
3. Rick Minnick emailed the Commission a map showing open space in town.

## 7. Old Business

1. Updated Mission Statement (Jabanoski)
2. Review Commission charter. (Keane/Jabanoski)
3. Review process for developers re: new projects.
4. Spring planting was discussed, and it was agreed to hold off until more plans regarding Matthies Park funding methods could be formulated.
5. The formation of three working groups within the Commission were discussed & agreed upon. They are:
  - a. Land Protection. K. Jabanoski, A. Keane, M. Opuszynski.
  - b. Communications. R. Burritt,
  - c. Planning. L. Brant
6. Access expected financial assets for consideration with upcoming projects. (M. Opuszynski)
7. The current open Commissioners positions was discussed. Facebook, Town Hall, and the Citizens News will be notified. (K. Jabanoski)
8. Contact the Conservation Commissions in Prospect & Bethany with an invitation to institute a “exchange program” with their members to share ideas. Perhaps having them visit Matthies and we could visit their parks.

## 8. New Business

1. Discussions of responsibilities and interaction with other Boards & Commissions.
2. CT Trails Day June 1 & 2.
3. Town wide clean up tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2019.
4. Work through the B.O.S. regarding potential water quality impacts of the Tiverton Project.
5. Quote for tree work at Lantern Ridge Park from Cody Muth.
6. Open Space map.

## 9. Petition of Commissioners

None

## 10. Payment of Invoices

**R. Burritt moved to pay the Clerk’s invoice of \$77.50 for March/2019. Seconded by L. Brant. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

## 11. Adjournment

The next Conservation Commission regular monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm** in the **Beacon Falls Senior Center, 57 North Main Street.**

With no other business **R. Burritt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Seconded by A. Keane. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter A. Christensen*

Clerk

CC: Conservation Comm.