

SALISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 30, 2022- 5:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Maria Grace (Chair); Lee Potter, Susan Rand, Zachary Sadow and Georgia Petry, Recording Secretary. Absent: Tom Blagden
3. Guest Speaker – Presentation by Stacy Deming, HVA GIS Manager – Overview of GIS and Resources available to Conservation Commissions.
Ms. Deming introduced herself; currently, she has been with the HVA for the last 5 years. She began her presentation with an overview of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative Web Map: www.arcgis.com. It has many layers of information and is user-friendly. She pointed out that Open Space Lands are not necessarily permanently protected and noted that the State does not define Open Space; the Towns must decide the definition. M. Grace mentioned that about 25% of Salisbury was under some form of protection, according to the 2009 Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). Ms. Deming talked about Core Forest Habitat, which is 250 acres or more, and an exhibit on this topic presented by the Salisbury Association, currently at the Academy Building in Salisbury. She added that maps can be printed out from the Web Map. Other topics included: the Natural Diversity Database (NDDB), habitats, soils, watercourses, aquifers, vernal pools and trails. First Selectman, Curtis Rand, attending the meeting, mentioned that not all trails are included because of privacy issues. A question was asked by Z. Sadow about any negative or liability issues; Ms. Deming answered that specific “Phase 1” brownfields data can be found and she will check to see if it available in GIS format. Ms. Deming and M. Grace will send around links to maps that they have. There is a Salisbury Open Space Map prepared by the Salisbury Association Land Trust, which may not include some newly acquired properties. Z. Sadow suggested that there are 4 core issues to focus on: Open Space, Watershed, Biodiversity and Trails. Ms. Deming suggested that a new map will be needed for the updated NRI and would be available from the Salisbury Land Trust. M. Grace will forward all of the links she receives from Ms. Deming, who was thanked for her presentation.
4. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.