

## SALISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

JULY 7, 2022 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Maria Grace (Chair); Lee Potter; Susan Rand; Abby Conroy (Land Use Administrator) and Georgia Petry (Recording Secretary). Zachary Sadow arrived later in the meeting. Absent: Tom Blagden.
2. Roll Call. M. Grace, L. Potter and S. Rand. Z. Sadow arrived later in the meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**.
4. **Approval of Minutes of 6/2/2022. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Discussion of Presentation 6/30/2022 (was Item #7 on the Agenda)  
Peter Neely, Twin Lakes Association (TWA), gave a detailed presentation on water quality monitoring done over the last several years. He talked about testing protocols which are done several times per year to get baseline chemistry, such as measuring turbidity. All data is available on the Twin Lakes Association website: [twinlakesassociation.org](http://twinlakesassociation.org). The data collected is shared with the CT DEEP; A. Conroy noted that it is important data to know for public health and safety issues, such as closing beaches. She added that the 2 Lakes have very different water quality characteristics. M. Grace commented on the impact of these ecosystems on the fish there. A. Conroy asked what the goals are for the testing; Mr. Neely responded that certain specific issues are being addressed, as well as maintaining the water quality. He mentioned that Lakefront Best Practices are available on the TWA website. M. Grace would like to get more detailed data information; Mr. Neely will provide contact info for TWA. The recording of the meeting is available at: <https://www.salisburyct.us/conservation-commission/>
7. Introduction to Land Use Commissions – Powers & Duties  
M. Grace asked if there were any specific questions, at this time. A. Conroy mentioned that she is working on a fact sheet, so there is understanding of how all of the Land Use Commissions come together. She indicated that it got more involved than originally planned, so it won't be discussed tonight, but at a future meeting.
8. Discussion of Bylaws – Tabled

9. Develop Topics & Tasks

- a. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) – M. Grace indicated that updating and completing the NRI is their primary goal; she added that the mapping resources will prove useful in the future, especially if there are reviews of applications. A. Conroy mentioned that she reviewed the HVA presentation and noted the comments about parcels in Salisbury. She also pointed out that the Aquifer Protection Areas are under a separate Statute, in the regulatory sense, and the mapping hasn't been done locally; she will be working on it. She noted that Sustainable CT is an optional program that this Commission can consider; she will send out a link to more information about it.
- b. Open Space – A. Conroy indicated that John Landon, Salisbury Land Trust, would be available at the next meeting in August. M. Grace agreed that would be a good time for a presentation; the information and recommendations could be used in the NRI. She would like for the Commission to get educated and then complete the NRI. A. Conroy suggested having someone come and talk about forestry and agriculture; M. Grace agreed and mentioned having Curtis Rand talk about forestry.
- c. Sustainable CT – discussion to be continued.
- d. Land Trust Collaboration – John Landon will be at the next meeting on August 4, 2022.
- e. Lake Water Quality Monitoring – discussion to be continued.

10. **Adjournment. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by Z. Sadow and unanimously **Approved**.