

SALISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Maria Grace, Lee Potter, Tom Blagden, Susan Rand, Zachary Sadow and Abby Conroy (Land Use Administrator)
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by T. Blagden, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**
3. **Approval of Minutes 08/04/2022. So Moved** by Z. Sadow, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**
4. Public Comment – None
5. Introduction to the Northwest Conservation District (NWCD) – Cynthia Rabinowitz, Exec. Dir. Ms. Rabinowitz gave an overview, including the history and services provided to land use commissions, municipal governments and citizens. They get grants to do a wide variety of programs. She talked about non-point source pollution and practices to mitigate the effects. Asked about a specific project that needs help, M. Grace indicated that the immediate priority is to update the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). She also pointed out that Salisbury is not a Sustainable CT town; Ms. Rabinowitz described the program and noted that the projects require lots of volunteers to complete the tasks. Commenting on the role of the this Commission going forward, Ms. Rabinowitz suggested raising awareness projects in the community such as planting rain gardens, native plant gardens and pollinator/habitat gardens. Different topics such as recycling, watersheds and renewable energy could be addressed. A. Conroy asked about services that can be provided; Ms. Rabinowitz indicated that they can partner with towns to get necessary approvals, the use of equipment and grant applications. Ms. Rabinowitz mentioned that they would like to get more people on their email list; A. Conroy agreed to put their link on the Commission's webpage. Ms. Rabinowitz talked about the NWCD native plant sale, a project to reach town governments about recycling efforts and the 'waste' issue in CT. She noted that there are many problems; A. Conroy pointed out that Salisbury is participating in the food-waste program, which saves the town money. That concluded the presentation.
6. Conservation Commission Bylaws Draft – A. Conroy will email the draft to the members.
7. Discussion of 08/04/2022 presentation – Not discussed at this time.
8. Develop Topics & Tasks – NRI update – A date in October for an organization/ working session will be determined.
9. **Adjournment. So Moved** by S. Rand, seconded by Z. Sadow and unanimously **Approved**.