

SALISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Maria Grace, Susan Rand, Tom Blagden, Lee Potter, Zach Sadow and Abby Conroy (Land Use Administrator).
3. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by T. Blagden and unanimously **Approved.**
4. **Approval of Minutes of 09/01/2022. So Moved** by L. Potter, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved.**
5. 2023 Meeting Schedule. The Commission will meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. There was brief discussion about scheduling a speaker for the February, 2023 meeting, Christian Allyn, to speak about invasive plant species and the knotweed project.
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) – Workshop/Discussion
M. Grace gave a brief history of the NRI since 2009. She pointed out that the 1st draft update was begun in 2019 and a lot got done. First Selectman Curtis Rand, in attendance, suggested that fluid, on-going additions were preferred to 10-year updates; he added that the Town would provide funding for updates to missing sections of the NRI. M. Grace noted that there are hyper-links to new resources available in the report; she explained the existing sections and layout. Z. Sadow asked what needs to be added and updated, such as the introduction and any sections. L. Potter suggested that she could develop an outline with bullet points needing to be done, with a “to-do” list for the sections. M. Grace indicated that she has that available; the information needs to be compiled in one spot, then webpages can be created for the Salisbury Town website to be updated. Z. Sadow asked if there would be a stand-alone PDF published and dated; M. Grace indicated that there would not be a printed document. She added that the PDF document on the website would be updated with data collection and links to new reports added. She also indicated that the PDF with hyper-links could be updated by sections, possibly one section every year. Z. Sadow mentioned the historical value of a “date done” and suggested that a “living document” could be done afterwards. A. Conroy suggested getting a baseline/starting point, with the updates and perhaps an annual meeting with stakeholders. M. Grace will

send her notes to L. Potter to create the outline and “to-do” list for the 9 sections. She noted that NRI sections on critical habitats, forests and agriculture need work; Z. Sadow suggested indicating what information has stayed the same and to note it in the introduction to the NRI. M. Grace indicated that she would like a section added about invasive plant species. C. Rand thanked the members for their work and suggested that they focus on the recommendations – what’s better and what’s worse – and how to save what is wanted. M. Grace will provide a list of “to-do’s” and issues to include; L. Potter suggested using Google Docs for comments; there will not be email discussions. A. Conroy will check on the legal aspects of this approach.

8. Vernal Pool Study – A. Conroy gave a brief update and will send the list of ownership information; she added that there is a possibility of expanding the GIS system internally. M. Grace suggested looking at the vernal pools that might be on developable land. A. Conroy suggested that the Commission could prioritize mapping the parcels, if interested. M. Grace suggested having Michael Klemens, Planning & Zoning Chair, come to a future meeting to talk about vernal pools and explain the new P&Z maps.
9. **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Grace, seconded by S. Rand and unanimously **Approved**.