

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2025 – 6:00PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Maria Grace, Tom Blagden, Susan Rand and Steve Fitch (Alternate). Absent: Zach Sadow and Sarah Webb (Alternate). Attending: Curtis Rand.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025. Not considered.
4. Review edited Intro to NRI 2023. L. Potter proposed using the 2023 Intro for the 2025 Addendum, with minor adjustments in wording and punctuation. Chapter 1 was reviewed and edited line-by-line. This Commission will refer to the 2024 POCD for further definitions and possible recommendations.
5. Reports from Chapter 2, Section A. The existing descriptions were accepted and the strategies were reviewed and edited. T. Blagden talked about groundwater withdrawals and suggested there might be regulations as a strategy, regarding on-going usage and development. C. Rand suggested that it could be discussed further with the P&Z and DEEP, at some point; more research is needed on this topic. This Commission also agreed to send a brief letter to the IWWC in support of the proposed Regulation amendments.
6. Review Chapters 1 – 7 in 2023 NRI for readability and climate change discussion. Not reviewed at this time.
7. Develop TO DO list for information needed to finish the NRI, especially Chapter 6 – Agriculture Resources, and new mapping needed. S. Rand will contact Allen Cockerline about this Section and ask him to review it. M. Grace commented that the definition of agriculture used by the State of CT should be used. T. Blagden suggested including a reference to agritourism in this Section; M. Grace suggested researching the pros and cons of it.
8. June meeting -- The regular meeting on June 12, 2025 is cancelled. There will be a Special Meeting on June 5, 2025 at 6:00pm.
9. Items 9 through 12 – Not discussed.

Adjournment. So Moved by L. Potter, **With All in Favor.**