

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2025 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Maria Grace and Steve Fitch (Alternate). Attending: Shari Butler.
3. Minutes of September 11, 2025 – Tabled

Other Business

1. Review Maps for NRI – M. Grace is helping with those, along with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). Maps discussed include: Topography; Wetlands; Protected Open Space; Forests; Critical Habitats and NDDDB data; Agricultural; Trails and SALT lands. M. Grace suggested there may be an existing wetlands map; Abby Conroy will be asked what has already been done.
2. Review NRI one last time -- M. Grace commented on portions of Chapter 4, noting that citations about habitats had been added by Michael Klemens; L. Potter will contact him for the citations used in the footnotes. S. Fitch commented that he prefers citations within the body of the document. The paragraph on “Threats a. Conflict with CT Agricultural Exemption” was reviewed and it was noted that State Regulations prevail; it is hard to locally enforce or fix issues they can’t control. M. Grace suggested taking out that paragraph and defaulting to Curtis Rand and Abby Conroy, regarding recommendations in Chapter 4. The paragraph on “Threats e. Overuse/Overdevelopment/Inadequate URAs” was reviewed and may be deleted, as not relevant to the NRI. S. Fitch commented that the issue of the use of road salt should be addressed; M. Grace pointed out that there is a reference in the Water section to the Cary Institute study, with a citation that talks about the problem, solution and how to get there. S. Fitch suggested having recommendations about ways to mitigate the use of salt. M. Grace suggested that the recommendation could be made more specific to the use of road salt, if they study the report and talk to the road crews about it. Members may try to meet with them and ask questions. L. Potter talked about the recent knotweed workshop; M. Grace suggested getting that information to the Salisbury road crew.
3. Review Letters of Support for Open Space Grants – Not addressed at this time
4. Topic for winter Lakeville Journal article – L. Potter suggested road salt recommendations.
5. Goals for winter and spring – Communicate with the Road Crew, perhaps with some ideas. Get in contact with some of the fishing organizations about their recommendations.

Adjournment. So Moved by L. Potter, seconded by M. Grace, **With All in Favor**. The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.