Conservation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting April 17, 2024

Attending: Claudia Cayne, Carl Chaiet, Cicily Hajek, Pieter Lefferts and Johannes Van Der Tuin, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:44

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes for approval: Last Regular Meeting, March 20, 2024 A motion to accept was made by Pieter, seconded by Carl and approved unanimously.

2. Energy and Environment attendance - report No update.

3. Smith Road phragmites boardwalk No update.

4. Discussion of new commissioner candidates No update.

5. Morey Road P&Z minutes No update.

6. 2026 Natural Resources Inventory - preliminary groundwork

Carl will draft a letter to be sent to all relevant commissions and groups to solicit input. Pieter has been in touch with Lyn Mattoon, chair of SEEC re collaboration. Claudia reported on NRIs from Salisbury and Norfolk as well as information from the State. She will send these documents to all commission members.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Sustainable CT

Johannes reported that the town has joined, thereby making grant applications available. We may follow up if we have qualifying projects.

8. Native plant proclamation.

The proclamation was submitted to Casey Flanagan and will be the May agenda. We will discuss options to promote, such as a planting and links to resources on the town website at the May meeting.

9. Officers

Claudia's last meeting will be in May and there was a discussion about who will succeed her as secretary. Johannes indicated that he would like to step down as Chair and Pieter expressed interest in becoming the next chair.

A motion to adjourn was made by Claudia at 7:15, seconded by Cicily and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia E Cayne, Secretary