

## WESTMINSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting, Thursday, 9/22/22 at 7:15 P.M

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM  
Present: Tatiana Schreiber, Alma Beals, Kestrel Craig, Rachael Shaw, Sarah Waldo. Guests: Jane Collister, Kathy Kingston
2. Adjustments to Agenda 3 min  
Add in to New business: announcement of availability of ARPA funds to towns.
3. Acceptance of Minutes: 7/28/2022 - Minutes read and accepted by unanimous consent
4. Communications and Public Comment:
  - a. Presentation on Pollinator Project: Jane Collister  
Jane has created some nursery kits to grow native wildflowers (pots, soil, seeds, box with mesh on it), which she has shared locally. She has started pollinator gardens at the Putney Coop and the Putney Grammar School, and is in contact with Putney Central School. Ideally would like to create a board of directors, become a non-profit, build a group of volunteers/ membership, and create more kits to spread far and wide. Jane says, “Also, I'd like to suggest that if anyone has additional questions after my presentation, they can view my website [www.putney.net/pollinators](http://www.putney.net/pollinators) (best to type this in address bar) or they can email me at [janecollister3@gmail.com](mailto:janecollister3@gmail.com) and if they'd like to have a phone conversation, I'd be happy to call them if they send me their number. Members (volunteers) will receive kits in November. Kits are available for sale for \$25”.
  - b. Comment from Rebecca Saunders. Tatiana read Rebecca’s letter

about her plays featuring pollinators. She is looking for ways to connect with kids/teachers and possibly produce these plays. Rachael will write back to her with some contacts: Janelle Beard, Jane Collister (has Grammar School and Putney Central contacts), Ashlyn teaches at Hilltop Montessori.

5. Unfinished Business (Discussion / Action) –

a) Invasive species brochure – moved deadline to January 1, 2023.

That way it can be done for next year's town meeting.

b) Website for Conservation Commission – Rachael will check to make sure that Letitia got all our materials. Sarah has a lot of photos of the Pinnacle lands, and will add them to the Google Drive folder for the website.

c) Allen Marsh forum – Tatiana spoke with Chris Bernier works for Fish and Wildlife (fur-bearer biologist), he would like to attend the forum but he needs to check with his supervisor to see if he can spare the time. Tatiana suggests that we could have the forum in late October in lieu of our October 27 meeting, if our facilitator (John Ungerleider) could come. Tatiana will check with John to see if 10/27 works. Alma will check with the Institute. Marie Caduto is working on the water quality data. Alma will check with Marie about the data and date. Sarah will check with Michelle Bos-Lun. Tentative plan is for 6:30-8 pm, Thursday October 27 if Chris Bernier can attend. We will have snacks. Working meeting for the Forum will be on September 29, 7:15 via Zoom. Rachael will send out a link.

d) Article re road, vegetation issues. We approved a final draft of the article. Kestrel made a motion to submit the article next month (around October 20 for the November issue) in the Gazette and we approved this unanimously. Tatiana will run it by Chuck Lawrence to make sure he is okay with the article.

e) Guidelines for Commission meetings – We briefly discussed the issue of attendance at meetings, and currently are proposing the idea that people will be expected to miss no more than 3 meetings per year.

f) go over proposed guidelines and adopt if quorum present - postponed to next meeting.

6. New Business:

a) Support letter for swap shop - do we want to write a letter of support? If we could get our working meeting warned (24 hours in advance of meeting), then we could approve it next week. Kestrel will write a draft, and we will vote to approve it at our special working meeting.

b. Tatiana read the postcard from the town concerning availability of American Rescue Act Funds to the Town and solicitation of projects. We need to check on the deadlines, and possibly present a project (improved way to park/view/appreciate the marsh?) To be discussed more at a future meeting.

7. Other Business: none

8. Date of Next Meeting (or Allen Marsh Forum instead): October 27, 2022.

9. Adjournment at 8:45 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Rachael Shaw, secretary