

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2025 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was officially called to order at 6:18pm, when Chair Lee Potter arrived.
2. Roll Call. Susan Rand, Tom Blagden and Steve Fitch (Alternate). Zach Sadow, Maria Grace and Lee Potter arrived later in the meeting. Absent: Sarah Webb (Alternate). Acting Chair: S. Rand. In order to have a quorum, S. Rand appointed S. Fitch to be a Voting Alternate. Attending: Curtis Rand.

There was informal discussion about reviewing other towns' Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). S. Rand, T. Blagden and S. Fitch had looked at NRI's in Sharon, Kent, Norfolk and Cornwall. Comments included: putting in too much detail; bloating; making the document user-friendly; having a mix of photos and text in the body; having additional information links; preferring the Salisbury version, instead of having sections broken out, with comments and recommendations later on; some historical references being irrelevant and more "Chamber of Commerce."

(At this time, L. Potter joined the meeting and called it to order.)

3. **Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2024. So Moved and Approved, With All in Favor.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2024. So Moved and Approved, With All in Favor.**
5. NRI – Discussion continued
L. Potter suggested working on the "Water" chapter first, including Hydrilla and other research; summaries were also suggested. L. Potter commented on not undoing the 2009 NRI, as it is comprehensive; S. Rand agreed it should be referred to, not re-created. M. Grace expressed that the recommendations are most important and there may be some higher priorities now; she wanted more input from others, but most are still valid. M. Grace commented that Sharon did a 1-page addendum, just a statutory requirement, keep to a bare minimum, no need to do over and just link to the 2009 NRI and the new draft. C. Rand suggested taking some of the recommendations from a 2019 version and moving them forward; L. Potter wants to work with M. Grace and call it an update, referring to new additions. T. Blagden wants the final document to be a stand-alone on the website. M. Grace suggested starting with the incomplete chapters by looking at the highlighted sections in the draft Google document that was emailed to the members. L. Potter and M. Grace suggested that the members read Chapter 2, make comments and discuss it at the next meeting. L. Potter noted that changes can be made in real time during the Zoom meeting or in-person; M. Grace pointed out that comments would be added after

that, at the next meeting. C. Rand commented that meetings must be open to the public; Town Hall would be open, with the Hybrid/Remote option available. L. Potter indicated that the next meeting in February could be Hybrid, with members bringing their own laptops, or remote so that she can edit in real-time.

6. Meeting in the field – C. Rand pointed out that all site visits must be noticed and give the location.
7. High School students – special project. Help with NRI. -- Not discussed.
8. Vernal pool timeline – Not discussed.
9. Future meetings for IWWC, P&Z, and Transfer station – review on Salisbury website – Not discussed.
10. Public Comments – None

Adjournment. So Moved, With All in Favor.

Z. Sadow asked about the FOIA request; C. Rand indicated the Town will put together a package of files. M. Grace commented that a statement can be submitted – “Don’t have anything.” Z. Sadow asked to note in the Minutes that the Town responded for everyone.