

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 – 6:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm.
2. Roll Call. Present: Lee Potter, Susan Rand, Maria Grace, Zach Sadow and Steve Fitch (Alternate). Absent: Tom Blagden. Attending: Curtis Rand.
3. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2025. So Moved and Approved, With All in Favor.
4. Editing of the Water Section of the NRI.

L. Potter began the discussion by asking who the audience is for the NRI and suggested there might be 2 tracks; one with expert material for people with a good base of knowledge and another with summarizations for laymen which could be sent to the Lakeville Journal. C. Rand mentioned that The Twin Lakes Association (TLA) is doing a watershed study with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA); they are identifying things and there will be links for resources. C. Rand will put L. Potter in touch with Grant Bogle, TLA. L. Potter suggested that the members look at this chapter and develop a summary. C. Rand commented that there should not be a reference to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission in the first paragraph and there is a lot land use practices information to copy and use. M. Grace suggested just adding a couple of sentences to the purpose of the NRI, such as, Suggested Recommendations and Strategies for the Town. Z. Sadow suggested having talking points about existing conditions, such as the use of road salt; the Carey Institute has information. S. Fitch suggested recommending some “no-salt” zones. C. Rand commented about not getting too deep into the Hydrilla issue. L. Potter suggested mentioning that there are lake organizations; C. Rand commented that they must get permissions before naming names. M. Grace suggested having definitions and a glossary for terms such as, alluvial. L. Potter would like to have material for the Lakeville Journal, such as summaries; Z. Sadow agreed. S. Fitch commented that it will take all year to do the NRI; L. Potter indicated that is the goal for the year. M. Grace mentioned that it was good to have new people working on strategies. C. Rand commented that Salisbury is participating in Sustainable CT and that Barbara Bettigole (TRAC) is leading the efforts. L. Potter suggested taking notes and circulating them.

Items 5, 6, & 7 – Not discussed.

Public Comment --- None

Adjournment. So Moved, With All in Favor.