

Commission on Conservation & Agriculture



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Staff	James Sipperly, Environmental Planner	

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, May 16, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be held online and in person. Room 208, Municipal Building, Members of the public may view/listen to the meeting using electronic equipment as follows:

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Accept the Agenda
- C. Public Forum –Partner Reports
- D. Approval of Minutes:
 1. Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Special Meeting
- E. Request for Comment
None
- F. Officer's and Committee Reports
 1. Chair's Report
 - i. Bylaw Updates
 - ii. [Model Agricultural Land Use Lease Agreement](#) eg: Fair weather farms, East Street/Plumb Road
 2. Trails Committee
 - i. ATV activity Lamentation Mountain/Land Trust properties – David Brown
 3. Agriculture Committee
 - i. Ag Program/Grant Update
 4. Outreach Committee
 - i. Conservation Corner update
 5. Open Space Management Committee
 - i. Wilcox & Guida Management Plans – Eric Hansen, CT Certified Forester F720
 - ii. Open Space priorities for maintenance, parking signage etc.
 6. Open Space Acquisition Committee
- G. Old Business
 1. [Red Maple Swamp Environmental Review Team Assessment](#) – in progress, team met on June 22, 2022
 2. Trail mapping updating – GPS utilization
 3. Trail Guide updating and reprinting (Trail Guide electronic files)
 4. Agricultural Grant – proposed second round
 5. Proposed Eagle Scout projects – benches, bog bridges ???
- H. New Business
 1. [CT Trail Grant Application](#) – Pistol Creek cart paths upgrades and Mattabeset Trail Connections
 2. [Proposed right to Farm Ordinance](#)
 3. [Proposed Livestock and Poultry Ordinance](#)
 4. [Arbor Day Celebration](#)
- I. Member Forum
- J. Adjournment