Town of Canaan

Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission

Minutes of Regular (Zoom)Meeting

January 17, 2023

Members Present: Mark Burdick, Susan Kelsey, Felicia Jones, Ellery Sinclair, Matthew Gallagher (alternate)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Burdick. Jones made motion to approve minutes of December 19, 2022; seconded by Sinclair; passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Old Business:**

**1. Railroad Spraying:** No update.

**2. Sustainable CT:** Jones will contact Janna Siller and Dan Carr to remind them of the need to convene a meeting of individuals interested in discussing agricultural concerns relating to our town.

**3. Commission Members update:** Burdick will send letter to Selectmen requesting that Matthew Gallagher be appointed an alternate member of the Commission. Sadeh will be officially resigning as an alternate. Carr has declined to be appointed an alternate but indicated Marleen VanGulick may be interested in the position. Jones made a motion that Burdick contact VanGulick to inquire if she would be interested in serving as an alternate member; seconded by Sinclair; approved unanimously. Burdick will contact her.

**4. Cobble Road:** No update.

**5. Town Plan of C & D:** Chalder has responded favorably to our Commission’s request to be more involved in the plan’s preparation. Jones encouraged everyone to fill out the on-line survey pertinent to the Plan that is available on the Town’s website. Discussion ensued about items we would like to see addressed in the upcoming Plan; preliminary suggestions included management of non-native invasive species, composting, the usage of permeable road paving materials, riparian barriers, a town-wide firewood program to address the increase in dead ash trees. Members were encouraged to bring ideas to the February 21st meeting. Kelsey will check at town hall to ascertain who is the Town tree warden.

**6. Aquarion Driveway:** Kelsey will research regs to see how they may apply to Aquarion’s driveway construction.

**New Business:** None.

**Routing Sheets:** None

**Communications:**

**1. FY Budget:** As of 12/31/22, the Commission’s budget balance was $2,250.00.

Kelsey made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. ; seconded by Sinclair; approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kelsey, secretary