

Town of Winchester
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 25, 2026 - 5:00 PM
Town of Winchester Town Hall
338 Main Street – 2nd Floor – P. Francis Hicks Conference Room
Special Meeting - MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair Kevin Burgio calls the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. In attendance: Sally Chesney, Renee Waldron, Addie Mehl, Tom Carter, and Jen Perga. Absent: Amanda Hill

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Agenda Review:** No changes; motion by Tom, seconded by Rene. Vote: Unanimous.

4. **Old Business:**

- A. **March Speaker Event:** Commissioners confirmed that the next speaker event will be March 31st at 6:30pm. Each of the three speakers will have 20 minutes with a 5-minute question and answer period. Kevin will introduce speakers. Renee will keep the time. Michelle Winkler of the UCONN-Litchfield County Master Gardener Coordinator extension and Dan Watkins, owner of Bee Works LLC, will join Laura Hart of Farmington River Watershed Association as the featured speakers. Tom will confirm with Glenn how to start the YouTube live.
Jen has NCD Plant Sale Booklet/ordering guides and copies of the Invasive Plant Booklet from NCD. Commissioners have put up flyers and spread the word via FOMS, email lists, social media. Addie will create an optional sign-in sheet for attendance tracking and emails. Sally has TY notes ready and may have a small plant to give to speakers. Commissioners will arrive at least 15 min early.
- B. **Earth Day Cleanup on April 25 9:30am to noon:** Commissioners discussed collecting grain bags from Little Red Barn to use at the cleanup. Addie will ask Candace about supplies stored in the FOMS office, work vests, grabbers, gloves. Addie will ask if CC members can help put up flyers and publicize the event, maybe with an updated flyer. Jen will bring a few card tables to the meeting spot in front of the old IGA. Tom will send the flyer to his network, including TU and the Knotheads.

5. **Communications:** N/A

6. **Other Business:** A few business owners are organizing a sidewalk cleanup and coordinating with Public Works who will bring their sweeper. 8am Monday, March 30.

7. **Adjourn:**

Renee moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 PM, which was seconded by Tom and unanimously approved by the board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Perga, Secretary