1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
Chair Amanda Hill calls the meeting to order at 5:00PM. In attendance are commission members Willie Platt, Tom Carter, Jen Perga (via phone), Bill Hester (BOS Liaison), Lance Hansen (Director of Land Use Department), Tanya Risucci (Recreation Department Director) and Leeane Marvin (5:30PM). Renee Waldron is absent excused.

2. **Agenda Review**
Correspondence from Aquarian Water Company and CT River Conservatorship. Grants and scholarships are available through Aquarian. Good resource to utilize?

3. **Minutes Approval: March 14, 2024**
Tabled until May Meeting.

4. **New Business**
A. Resha Beach Rain Garden and Hurlbut / Birdsall Street ‘pocket park’ project discussion with Laura Hart, Farmington River Watershed Association. Discussion. Wonderful ideas and informational packet. Grant funded project to be overseen for three years physically and financially by FRWA. Afterwards, financials will be up to the town. Reduction of potentially polluted rain run-off into Highland Lake by redirecting rain run-off to rain garden site. Will need to move a fence, among other smaller structures, located at Resha Beach. Jim Rollins and Tanya Risucci are involved in the research and development of the project as well. The timeline of the Resha Beach project is dependent on availability of plants, the town's agreement with proposed plan, Public Work's scheduling/availability and Tanya Risucci's recreational requirements/requests. “Scrape and shape” method of directing H2O away from the lake and push towards rain garden.
B. Still River Greenway kiosk environmental education informational signage. Grant funding is available. Reach back out to Laura Hart for direction?

5. **Old Business**
A. Saturday April 27th 9:30AM – 12:00 NOON Earth Day River Clean-up Event. Held in conjunction with Friends of Main Street. Trout Unlimited will be in attendance for assistance and support.
B. Sunday April 28th 12:30PM – 5:00PM. 9th Annual Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival. Casual, fun, free family event.
C. May 9th Spring Lecture Series – Beekeeping presentation with Dan Watkins. In lieu of May Meeting? Meet one hour prior to? TBD.
E. Continued discussion regarding catch basin debris screen filters. NIP funding. Need SOMONE to take the lead on this topic. Was recommended that Frank Oliveri from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses...
Commission (IWWC) be contacted regarding the information already collected to proceed for presenting a written plan to Board of Selectmen. Time to put it into action.

F. (*addition to agenda) Wednesday April 17th – Friends of Tatro Park 7:00pm. planning meeting at Elks Club and May 19th Tatro Park Fishing Tournament. Elks Club will be hosting this annual event.

6. Communications
   None

7. Other Business
   A. Open Topics - NONE

8. Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn at 5:54PM by Amanda Hill, seconded by Willie Platt and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
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Asst Town Clerk, Town of Winchester
Board Clerk

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