

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

The Conservation Commission met remotely by video conference call on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of holding a regular meeting on the following matters.

Town of Berlin invited the public to join this WebEx meeting by video or phone dial-in.

Meeting Link

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The agenda will be posted on the town's website www.town.berlin.ct.us and will be available for viewing twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Delorenzo, Chairman, Guy Hoffman, Vice Chairman, Rob Ramsey, Thomas Heisler, Joe Mazza, Karen Pagliaro Alternate, Mary Kathryn Larose, Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karl Lewis, Carol Goldberger

STAFF LIAISON

Maureen Giusti

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Delorenzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ramsey moved to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Hoffman, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Run Ragged Event - Stacey Clark to request upcoming date for race at Ragged Mountain (Last Person Standing) Run Ragged is a last man standing-type race where runners complete a 5k loop every hour through the Ragged Mountain land. This same hourly loop continues until there is one winner. (See attachment for description)

This event was held two years ago at Ragged Mountain. The race was very successful. The proposed event will take place on the last weekend of May 2020. It is an overnight event. It is promised that there will be no trash left behind. The money that is raised will go to the CFP. Ragged Mountain is a premier hiking location for the central CT region and the CFP has been a partner with the town in maintaining this and numerous town-hunting trails.

Two years ago a shuttle ran to get all the participants to the trail at same time. The proposal consists of the same shuttle route that will run from the parking lot of Bella Pizza to the trail. The group will coordinate with police and emergency personnel. Neighbors will be notified of the event. The Town Council will need to give final approval of the event.

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion to approve the Run Ragged Event, seconded by Commissioner Mazza, passed unanimously.

II. 2021 Meeting Calendar Dates -

Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting calendar dates, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

404 Berlin Turnpike - Maureen Giusti reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of retaining a consultant for review of the project. The Wetlands Commission accepted this project as proposed. If the plans change it will need to go back to the Wetlands Commission for approval.

Military Experience Project - At the November 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting the proposal was postponed until the December 2020 or possibly January 2021 meeting. Maureen Giusti reported that the Metacomet Trail on the property has been relocated and is operating. The trail guide will be updated.

Maureen Giusti reported that Steve Wood, Public Grounds Superintendent, ordered the signs that were approved at last months meeting.

Maureen Giusti reported that all the commission meeting materials and updates are on the Town of Berlin website for viewing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Larose reported that the "Chutkowski" hiking area's initial access is in need for improvement. It seems to be flooding easily and needs a more permanent walkway. Maureen Giusti will contact Steve Wood and Jim Mahoney to see what can be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Commissioner Heisler passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

Marlo Thomas Matassa
The Recording Secretary