Town of Montville
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026, 6:00 PM
Room 203 – Town Hall

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1) Call to Order -6:00 pm

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call - Chair John Guetens, Vice Chair Jess LeClair, Secretary Bonnie Bacon, Treasurer Adam Heckle, Commissioner Catherine Hinojosa, Alternate Commissioner Elaine Hess; Also present: Mayor Leonard Bunnell Sr., Town Council Liaison Nick Sabilia, Town Council Chair Tim May, and Presenter Tori McBride from Waste Zero

4) Presentations -Waste Zero: Unit Based Pricing Program (note: Room 203) -Tori McBride

   Montville is one of 9 CT towns to receive grants in Round 2 of grants by DEEP. Montville is in Phase 1 (design/assessment) of the project. A decision to move forward would put Montville into Phase 2 (implementation by providing education and materials). Research has shown that UBP (unit-based pricing) makes a big difference in the amount of waste that people bring to the transfer station, and separation of food for composting or digestion provides further reduction. Estimates for bag pricing were provided. The goal is to reduce waste sent to the transfer station to save the town (taxpayers) money in waste transport fees and also potentially to lower individual costs for many of the people who use the transfer station. Full implementation (Phase 3) could occur if Phase 2 is successful.

   Presenter McBride requested that we provide feedback via the link provided in the presentation materials.

   Chair Guetens motioned that the chair will write a letter on behalf of the conservation commission to the town council in support of moving forward with the next phase of the Unit Based Pricing implementation. Vice Chair LeClair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Comments from the Public on Agenda Items -none

   Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2026 - Secretary Bacon motioned to approve the minutes. Chair Guetens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Communications - none

7) Old Business Agenda
   a) Conservation Center update -a general cleanup date was set: **Sat Oct 31, 9:30 a.m**.
   b) Garden club update -the club has been weeding at the town hall gardens and Bella's Garden.
   c) Feedback from POCD/Housing Advisory Meeting and Workshop – Secretary Bacon provided some highlights from the Advisory Meeting. Alternate Commissioner Hess provided details from the Workshop. Montville Survey for POCD
   d) Budget update -Treasurer Heckle is still finalizing the pricing for trail markers, and will provide the final pricing to Chair Guetens, who will request a purchase order.

8) New Business Agenda
   a) Officer Elections – Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
   Chair Guetens made a motion for the secretary to cast one vote to accept the existing officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

   Approve 2027 Meeting Calendar (first Tuesday of each month): Vice Chair LeClair made a motion to approve the calendar for 2027. Chair Guetens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

   January 5, 2027
   February 2, 2027
   March 2, 2027
   April 6, 2027
   May 4, 2027
   June 1, 2027
   July 6, 2027
   August 3, 2027
   September 7, 2027
   October 5, 2027
   November 2, 2027
   December 7, 2027

9) Comments from the Public -none

10) Comments from Town Council Liaison -Sustainable materials management ad hoc committee (Councilor Sabilia is a member) is meeting tomorrow night. All are welcome.

11) Comments from Commissioners –Chair Guetens: The Bond property opening is Oct 22 at 1 pm. Commissioner Heckle: There is a work party on Saturday at the Bond property, and the team has been cleaning up the entrance.

12) Adjourn – 7:54 p.m.