

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Conservation Commission
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT. 06278
Special Meeting Agenda**

Monday November 26, 2018 7:00PM

Attendance: Janet Bellamy, Bill + Stephanie Dubinsky, Gwen Haaland, Terry Wakeman, Steve Morytko, and Loretta Wrobel

- 1. Call to Order-7:02PM**
- 2. Approval of 9-24-18 +10-22-18 Minutes-9-24 Gwen motion, Janet seconded, all approved 10-22 Janet motion, Bill seconded and all approved**
- 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report-none**
- 4. Correspondence and Publications received-CT Wildlife +CT State of Birds 2018 passed around**
- 5. Presentations-none**
- 6. Member Reports and Project-none**
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Fall Trash Clean-Up Nov 10-clean-up morning shortened by rain, Zaicek Road was target, not much trash, plan a day in early spring, harder in fall due to leaves covering ground, Pamm Summers wants to continue to stay involved**
 - B. Gwen report on seminars-Gwen attended seminars focused on climate change, glaciers melting, species must adapt to changes or perish, temps +precipitation changes big factors, warnings turtles declining + massive insect loss, rising CO2, threshold effect where system finally collapses after damage to stability, population growth needs to be addressed, Storrs area remediation successful, biodiversity imppt to have linkages, needs to be renewed commitment by international agencies to conservation, ignorance biggest threat to human survival**
 - C. Danielson Winter Market-cards passed out, 1st +3rd Saturdays 9-12 noon, holiday market Dec 22nd 1-4PM, 210 Main St, Danielson**
 - D. Actions for Sustainable CT-Stephanie reported that educational actions only go back a year, other actions can go back up to 10 years, updated web site in Jan to address smaller rural towns, equity piece imppt need to address first**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Report on RCP network gathering 11-15-Loretta attended, will inform CC of next year gathering, representation from all New England states + various conservation agencies, representatives from Yale Forest, CT DEEP +Last Green Valley attended**
 - B. Dec 1 Winter Tree ID + Forest Ecology Program Yale-Myers Forest 10AM-1PM, meet at Yale Myers, Laura Green naturalist+ research coordinator + Jessica Wikle will lead a walk+ talk**

C. Other Business-

- 1. Janet shared about consultants eval of Wagon Shed Property in Willington + Ashford, tests of ground water have been clean, didn't find any pollution, 11 spots identified to take samples, area zoned commercial, EDC plan market analysis, firm will present at town meeting soon, suggestion to save questions for that meeting**
- 2. Tremko Property-IMPORTANT Sunday Dec 9 at 9AM walk/work party scheduled, meet at Tremko parking lot, bring small rake + clippers if have one, short hike moderately strenuous, discussed kiosk + map, Gwen will get name of man who made kiosk for Langhammer, hike is weather permitting, Steve will make the call**
- 3. Langhammer Trail- Gwen walked trail recently and reported wet due to excessive rain however trail looked good, only one small tree down, will revisit again in early spring**

9. Public Comments-none

10. Discussion of Agenda-Dec 17 meeting canceled Happy Holidays!

11. Adjournment-8:29PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Wrobel, chair