

47 Bloomfield trail. To run from Curtiss to Tariffville is the most complicated section that is
48 still under review, but he will take the flooding levels under advisement.

- 49 • Ms. Winters inquired if this connection is for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Kessler responded
50 that this will be considered a multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists. The width
51 between rails will be 10 feet.

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53 **Motion:** Mr. Levy made a motion to find Application CC #22-27 of Maria Capriola, Owner,
54 Thomas Roy, Applicant, for construction of a +/- 3,600 linear foot, 10-foot-wide, concrete trail
55 with pedestrian boardwalks and associated site improvements along the Farmington River
56 property and right of way located near Tariffville Road from Hopmeadow Street to
57 Curtiss/Pattison Parks to be significant and that a Public Hearing be scheduled during the
58 January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Commission. Mr. Campolieta seconded.

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60 All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (7-0-0)

61 62 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ACTION ON APPLICATIONS**

63 64 **V. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS**

65 Minutes: November 15, 2022

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67 **Motion:** Without objection, Ms. Winters motioned to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes
68 for the Regular Committee meeting.

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70 All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (7-0-0)

71 72 **VI. AGENT ACTIONS**

73 74 **VII. CONSERVATION BUSINESS**

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76 Plan of Conservation and Development Discussion and Update

- 77 • Ms. Winters met with and provided her comments on the POCD to Glen Chalder and
78 requested that the other Commission Members review and provide any comments to Mr.
79 McGregor.
- 80 • Dr. Bade has reviewed and will provide Mr. McGregor with his comments.
- 81 • Mr. McGregor explained that one of the primary issues that will be updated in the POCD
82 is the definition of Open Space and the Open Space mapping.
- 83 • Mr. McGregor reminded the Commission and community members to take the POCD
84 survey, which is linked on the Simsbury town website.
- 85 • Ms. Winters requested that prior year Parks and Rec and Open Space survey results are
86 also incorporated as part of this update as well.
- 87 • Mr. McGregor will host a public, community session at the end of January, and at that
88 time the survey results and findings will be released.
- 89 • A POCD session specific to the Conservation Commission comments can be held with
90 Mr. Chalder and/or Mr. McGregor.
- 91 • Ms. Winters reviewed the Newtown and Stamford Dark Sky Initiative regulations and
92 will provide her analysis to Mr. McGregor, as one of the actionable items for the POCD.

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Erosion and Sedimentation Control Town Code Revisions

- Mr. McGregor explained that there is an inconsistency in town code that gives to decision making responsibility to the Conservation Commission as it relates to Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans. This conflicts with state law. As such, this will be taken to the Board of Selectman to remove that chapter.
- An effort will be made to ensure that any significant projects with Open Space / Erosion complements can be brought to the Conservation Commission for referral and review.

VIII. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- The town is working to fill Assistant Town Planner position.
- Mr. McGregor will send out the DEEP online wetlands training link to the Conservation Commission members.

Motion: Mr. Campolieta made a motion to cancel the December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Commission as there are no significant items on the agenda. Mr. Levy seconded.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (7-0-0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Without objection, Ms. Winters made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Blackaby
Commission Clerk