

Orange Conservation Commission - Notice of Meeting
High Plains Community Center - Room 2 - Jan. 4, 2023 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Emergency Exits
- III. Public Dialogue (2-minute limit)
- IV. Review and approve December minutes
- V. Financial Report

VI. Old Business

- A. Set date(s) re special workshops in January to review the SCRCOG map and the Leadership map
- B. Ewen Preserve Update:
 - Status of illegal netting on town property by owners of 615 St. John's Drive
 - Status of survey points near that area
 - Status of relocation of wooden bridge on walkway
- C. Wepawaug: status of historic informational plaque - style and cost.
- D. Racebrook Tract project proposals for drainage and steps.
Grant for parking lot fence request from Orange Foundation.
- E. Connecticut Trails Grant Proposals DEEP webinar on January 11, 2023 at 1pm to provide an overview on the CT Recreational Trails Grant program and application.
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Outdoor-Recreation/Trails/CRT--Funding>
- F. Status of refurbishing entry signs to all trails - New Haven Sign; landscaping below those signs edged and mulched, with decorative boulders.
- G. Status of "No Bicycling" signs for installation at all trailheads and posting on FB and website explaining why no bikes allowed.



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VII. New Business

- A. Member Cindy Ruggeri has submitted resignation letter to Jim Zeoli, effective 1/31/23. Need status of new member recruitment from Mr. Zeoli.
- B. UNH grad student Blaine Sorrick will present his findings at 2/1/23 meeting.

VIII. Review of Trails & Steward Reports

- a. Wepawaug Conservation Area - Sharon Ewen / Scott Somerville
- b. Housatonic Overlook - Cindy Ruggeri (Cedar Grove) / Donna Wesolowski (High Ridge)
- c. Paul Ode Nature – Donna Wesolowski
- d. Racebrook Tract - Cathy Anderson / Santo Galatioto
Status of several white numbered markers at RBT, along with ribbon-marked trees off-trail and bike ramp, and partially blocked trail from small fallen tree, as reported by Scott.
- e. Ewen Preserve – Sharon Ewen / Chantelle Bunnell
- f. Turkey Hill Preserve – Mike Ross / Scott Somerville
Status of downed hemlock on Blue trail, as reported by Scott
- g. Planned Events – 1/11/23 1pm DEEP webinar
3/8/23 Purple Martin Presentation at HPCC
- h. Publicity – Orange Life; Orange Live – Chantelle Bunnell