

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

April 10, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Virtual Video Meeting

AGENDA

This meeting will be held virtually. Any member of the public wishing to participate and/or speak must submit a request to dlaiuppa@manchesterct.gov. Only individuals requesting to speak will be allowed to join the Zoom meeting and meeting information will be sent to individuals who submit a request. Attendees will need to join the Zoom meeting and will be allowed to speak when directed by the Chairman.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024
3. Presentation / Discussion
 - **CT Siting Council Petition – 250 Carter St** - To collect public comments for submission to the Siting Council for a proposed solar facility at 250 Carter Street – February 21, 2024 PZC meeting. – **Status update.**
4. Application Presentations / Upcoming Permits
 - **Town of Manchester Public Works Dept.** – Inland Wetland Permit (IWP-0003-2024); Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan (ESC-0003-2024) – Expansion of Charter Oak Park facilities including a new skate park/pump track, synthetic turf playing field, and parking lot at 30 Charter Oak Street.
5. Status of Current Wetland Permits
 - **Town of Manchester Public Works Dept.** – Inland Wetland Permit (IWP-0003-2024); Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan (ESC-0003-2024) – Expansion of Charter Oak Park facilities including a new skate park/pump track, synthetic turf playing field, and parking lot at 30 Charter Oak Street. – **May be significant impact**
6. Wetland Agent Actions / Enforcement
 - 571 & 599 Porter Street - NOV
7. Communications / Training / Seminars
 - No new communications
8. Report
 - Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (HRLPC)
 - Case Mountain Recreation Area
 - Manchester Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)
 - Rail Trails and Greenways (including Hop River Trail Alliance)
 - Land Acquisition Committee
 - Manchester Sustainability Commission
 - Tree Committee
9. Discussion/Request (from Commissioners) for New Business items
10. Old Business
 - Earth Day (April 22) – Conservation Commission activities.

- National Trail Day (June 1) - Do we want to host Commission led trail walks (in an effort to recruit new volunteers)?
- Meeting with the Town Manager to discuss invasive control at our open spaces.
- Urban Equity Grant update
- Town riparian corridors
 - i. Do we want to put a riparian restoration recommendation together for Hockanum in support of the DEEP grant?
 - ii. DEEP will be coming out with a grant soon. Do we want to apply for this grant? Urban Forested Natural Areas and Riparian Corridor Restoration Grant - Focused primarily on invasive removal?

11. New Business

- Alison Waxman is officially a member of the Conservation Commission.
- Keys to Town owned gates.
- Beavers

12. Adjournment