

**Town of Troy  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday May 17, 2022**

**Members Present:**

**Kyle Smith (Chairman), Tyler Bagster (Vice Chair), Courtney Davis, Curtis Hopkins (Selectmen's Representative)**

**Members Absent:**

**Jacob Bertolami, Richard HKS Thackston**

**Minute Taker:**

**Elizabeth Berry**

- 1 Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at **6:05 p.m.**
- 2 The Conservation Commission continued the discussion from the last meeting about the Butterfly  
3 Park. The Commission discussed what progress was made and what work needs to be done.  
4 Chairman Smith created a poll on Facebook to figure out if there was any interest in the Butterfly  
5 Park becoming a community garden. The public had the most interest in the ten-foot by twenty-  
6 foot garden plots. Although there was a comment of the legality of leasing out plots of town owned  
7 property to the public and whether you need insurance for this type of project or not. Chairman  
8 Smith will contact the Town Administrator to figure out if there are any legal problems and if there  
9 will be any paperwork to fill out for this kind of project.
- 10 The Commission discussed the next steps are for this project to progress. A lease needs to be  
11 drafted; the Conservation Commission discussed items that should be included in the lease, such  
12 as the use of organic fertilizer over nonorganic as the Butterfly Park is next to a body of water and  
13 the Commission would like to avoid any contamination. There was also discussion on making a  
14 compost pile for the renters of the garden plots to use. The ten-foot by twenty-foot plots need to  
15 be measured out with space for a three-foot to four-foot-wide path in between each plot so there is  
16 easy accessibility to the gardens. The beaver dam needs to be taken care of, to fix the water that  
17 has been diverted.
- 18 The Conservation Commission discussed other town owned properties, and whether there was  
19 anything that could be done with them.
- 20 **MOTION** to approve minutes from last meeting May 10, 2022, Mr. Hopkins, **SECOND** by Mr.  
21 Bagster. All members of the Commission voted in favor of this motion.
- 22 **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Smith, **SECOND** by Mr. Davis.  
23 All members of the commission voted in favor of the motion.
- 24 The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Elizabeth Berry,  
Administrative Assistant.