

Draft Minutes

**Town of New Haven
Conservation Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mary Pratt, Craig Zondag, Ellie de Villiers, Mark Krawczyk, Cheryl Mitchell (note taker)

Provided Ellie with information about applying to join the Commission.

Discussed recent events: pollinator pathway programs, joint meetings with Bristol Conservation Commission, interest in learning more about tracking. Thank you to David Lewis for photos and David and Susan for keeping us abreast of possibilities.

October 26 hedgerow field event and book release. About 20 people have registered. People are still welcome to join even if they did not register in advance since the book release will be held in the barn at Tourterelle.

Still strong interest in working with Bristol, perhaps to submit a two-town planning application. Ellie will follow-up.

Query: What is the status of the old railroad bed from New Haven to Bristol? Could it be turned into an interesting foot/bike trail? Are there historical sites along the way? We will investigate and share more information at the next meeting.

Wetlands: we could share the new Annie Proulx book in advance of a field visit during the winter when wet areas are frozen and easier to walk on.

Community Read: Mary and Polly are working on another partnership project with the library, likely based on a Doug Tallamy book again. We noted that the oak growing project has been challenged by the lack of acorns this year.

Next Virtual Meeting: November 16, 2022.