

**TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
1 RIVER ROAD
BOZRAH, CT 06334**

December 3, 2020

The meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Scott Taylor at 7:12 P.M. via Zoom teleconference/videoconference.

Members present: Scott Taylor, Chuck Mandel, and Jim Sipperly.

Members absent: Charlene Lathrop, Evelyn Brown, Steve Brunetti, Jessica Carson (alt.).

Others present: Glenn Pianka, Selectman, Sam Alexander, SCCOG/Town Planner, Dennis Main, Resident/Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

There was no quorum present. The Chairman recognized that the next meeting will be held January 7, 2021, which was included for good measure in the 2020 meeting schedule. Recognizing the presence of Dennis Main, and recognizing that agenda item number 4 required no action, the Commission proceeded to agenda item number 4.

1. Review and approve minutes: *Tabled.*
 - a) March 5th regular meeting.
 - c) October 4 site walk.
 - b) November 5th regular meeting.
2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer: *Tabled.*
3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items: *There was none.*
4. Avalonia Land Trust: Discussion of recent activity in “Northern Town” area, including Bozrah:

Dennis Main, a resident of Bozrah, former member of the IWCC, and representative from the Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., addressed the Commission regarding Avalonia’s expanded regional focus and possible activity in and around Bozrah.

Mr. Main overviewed past and recent accomplishments of Avalonia and explained how Avalonia is expanding its focus area to be coterminous with the membership areas of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments. Mr. Main explained that Avalonia will be setting priorities for what is now called its “Northern Towns” area, which includes Bozrah, and hopes that their goals can be set in-line with the Town’s goals during its open space planning process.

Avalonia is considering purchasing a 105-acre parcel on South Road, as well as a contiguous 56-acre parcel in Montville. Both properties would border the Milo

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Light Preserve in Montville, owned by the Nature Conservancy. Commissioners in generally felt supportive of this effort.

The Commission had an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Main and discuss funding opportunities for pushing both the Town's and Avalonia's programs.

The Town Planner will forward draft parcel evaluation criteria, developed as part of the Commission's open space planning process, to Mr. Main.

5. Open Space Plan: Tabled.
 - a) Discuss parcel evaluation criteria.
 - b) Discuss areas/corridors of interest for conservation.
6. Review general correspondence: There was none.
7. Adopt 2021 meeting schedule: Tabled.
8. Such other business as the Commission may vote to hear: There was none.
9. Public comment period: There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Samuel Alexander, AICP
Town Planner