Members present were the following: Sharon deKadt, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Valerie King, Barbara Hagan-Smith, Joi Prud’homme, and New Member Ben Carlson.

Not in Attendance: New Member Rachel Guerra

The meeting came to order at 07:31pm

There was no public comment.

Diana McCarthy-Bercury made a MOTION to ACCEPT the Minutes from December 14, 2023 and Barbara Hagan-Smith SECONDED the MOTION. ALL in Favor. Joi Prud’homme abstained from the vote.

The Commission introduced themselves to New Member, Ben Carlson.

Barbara Hagan-Smith MOTIONED for Sharon deKadt and Diana McCarthy-Bercury to co-chair the Commission and Valerie King SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR

There are two events occurring in the next few months: Seed Saving Workshop on February 5, 2024 from 6-8pm at the Woodbridge Library, Composting Workshop on February 17, 2024 at 3pm at the Woodbridge Library and Earth Day is April 27, 2024.

The Commission discussed the start of the Woodbridge Open Space Plan which is done every ten years. The deadline is the end of 2024.

Diana McCarthy-Bercury updated the Commission on the Tree Preservation Proposal. She stated they need a copy of the Zoning Regulations to strengthen various topics that should be included: subdivision clear cuts and replacing trees with native or pollinator items.

Joi Prud’homme and Diana McCarthy-Bercury updated the Commission on the Pollinator Pathway. It was stated that the Boy Scouts are interested in helping and the Land Trust is interested in matching whatever funds come from the State. It was stated to try and build upon Pollinator Pathways that have already been started ie.,Massaro Farms and the cornfields. They will reach out to Paul Harrigan to come to the February meeting to update the Commission on what information he had put together regarding the Pollinator Pathways.

Nicole Donzello from CUPOP discussed what CUPOP is all about. Asked the Commission to work together on the Town owned properties. This has not been done since 1983 and there are at least 44 properties to go through to determine if they still should be on the list. They have a March deadline for certain properties. Each property in question needs a comprehensive report which includes input from all Committees. Barbara Hagan-Smith stated she will attend the next CUPOP meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6pm.

No Report for the Audubon Society.
Sharon deKadt made a **MOTION TO ACCEPT** the following dates for the upcoming Conservation meetings: February 15, March 21, April 11, May 16, June 20, July 18, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 12, 2024. Joi Prud’homme **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Diana McCarthy-Bercury made a **MOTION to ADJOURN** the meeting and Sharon deKadt **SECONDED** the **MOTION. All In Favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm**

The next meeting will be February 15, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  Cathy Trzaski, Clerk of the Commission