

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)  
Thursday, December 8, 2022, 7:30 P.M.  
Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT**

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**REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)**

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
Thu, Dec 8, 2022 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM (EST)

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - A. Seating of Alternate
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 10, 2022
- III. Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Recognition of Guests: Opportunity for citizens to briefly address the Commission on non-agenda items.
- V. Violations
  - A. Ralph and Lynn LaGuardia, 25 Mai Road – Violation of Conservation Easement Update
    - 1. Motion to Move to Executive Session
- VI. New Applications
  - A. **Petition 2022-08F** – 981 Church Street, Route 85, Amston, Quinebaug Valley Engineers - Notification of Timber Harvest.
- VII. Pending Applications - None
- VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals / Compliance Updates
- IX. Pre-applications - None

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X. New Business

A. Parks and Recreation Department presentation on Hebron's Park and Open Space Policies

XI. Other Pertinent Business

A. CT RC&D ERT Update

XII. Correspondence

A. Letter of Reappointment of Joanna Chester to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

XIII. Liaison Reports

A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee

B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership

C. CT Association of Wetlands Scientists

XIV. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – January 12th, 2023 (Virtual)

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)  
Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7:30 P.M.  
Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron CT**

**MINUTES**

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*Carla A. Thompson*  
HEBRON TOWN CLERK

**Members Present:** Dan Seremet, Christopher Frey, Jasmin Okugic, Tom Loto, Joanna Chester, Ann Zitkus

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Jim Cordier, Wetlands Agent

**Guests and Members of the Public:** None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Tom Loto

*Ann Zitkus was seated as a voting member in place of Jasmin Okugic at the start of the meeting.*

II. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 13, 2022

*Jasmin Okugic joined the meeting by phone 7:41 P.M., during the approval of minutes.*

Amendments to the October 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes:

1. Page 3, section XI. Other Pertinent Business, subsection F. - After "for farmers" add "implementing climate smart agricultural practices..."

*Jasmin Okugic was able to rejoin on his computer at 7:47 P.M.*

**MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes as amended.

**Motion by:** Ann Zitkus

**Seconded by:** Dan Seremet

**Result:** Passes (6-0-0)

I. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Discussion of Horse Ring Material as item XI F. under Other Pertinent Business

**MOTION to AMEND** the agenda to include the item above.

**Motion by:** Ann Zitkus

**Seconded by:** Dan Seremet

**Result:** Passes (6-0-0)

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II. Recognition of Guests: Opportunity for citizens to briefly address the Commission on non-agenda items.

III. Violations

A. Ralph and Lynn LaGuardia, 25 Mai Road – Violation of Conservation Easement Update

1. Motion to Move to Executive Session - Time: 7:49 P.M.  
Motion by: Tom Loto  
Seconded by: Joanna Chester  
Result: Passes (6-0-0)
2. Motion to Move out of Executive Session - Time: 7:56 P.M.  
Motion by: Tom Loto  
Seconded by: Dan Seremet  
Result: Passes (6-0-0)

VI. New Applications - None

VII. Pending Applications - None

VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals / Compliance Updates

Jim Cordier provided compliance updates on the following:

- Route 94 Culvert Project - Project should be completed around Thanksgiving.
- Phragmites - Trying to address the problem in league with DEEP and wildlife biologist Ann Kirkpatrick(sp?).
- ATV activity - None has been observed recently.
- Pump stations
- Grant on Open Space - O'Connor properties

IX. Pre-applications - None

X. New Business - None

XI. Other Pertinent Business

- A. Discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development Update, Section 2.A., Sustainability  
- Ann Zitkus said that the scope of what could be covered in this section of the Plan of Conservation and Development is very broad. The Commission members discussed the scope of sustainability and recycling programs such as the Oral B dental items recycling program.
- B. Annual Report - Submitted with adjustments and amendments.
- C. CT RC&D BRT Update - Jim Cordier said he has been talking with Jeanne Davies, executive director, and she is trying to bring on some new staff. He said he is feeling good about how the reports will look when they come out.
- D. Schedule of Meetings for 2023 -

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**MOTION to APPROVE** the schedule of meeting dates for 2023 as submitted.

**Motion by:** Dan Seremet

**Seconded by:** Joanna Chester

**Result:** Passes (6-0-0)

- B. Articles for the Winter edition of Hebron Views - Ann Zitkus did a submission on the Conservation Commission's behalf, and Jim Cordier said he liked he she covered farmland and agricultural best practices.
- F. Horse Arena Material - Joanna Chester said her daughter rides a horse in Lebanon and she noticed while she was there that on the ground there was ground-up carpets and ground-up sneakers in the riding arenas. Jim Cordier has checked horse arenas around town and they are composed of white sand. The Committee agreed that they could recommend against the use of these synthetic materials when new rings are being created in the future.

**XII. Correspondence**

- A. Article by Ann Zitkus, titled, "New State Grant Opportunity for Climate Smart Agriculture" - Tom Loto talked about PFAs and pushes for bans and regulations coming down the pike.
- B. Conservation Commission Schedule of Meetings for 2023 - Discussed above.

**XIII. Liaison Reports**

- A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee - No further updates and no new meetings, per Chris Frey.
- B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership - Chris Frey said that Pat Young organized a field trip two weekends ago - 12 people attended from 8 of the 10 towns that are a part of the watershed. The field trip started in Bolton.
- C. CT Association of Wetlands Scientists - No updates per Joanna Chester.
- D. CACIWC - No updates.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting -- December 8th, 2022 (Virtual)

**MOTION to ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

**Motion by:** Tom Loto

**Seconded by:** Joanna Chester

**Result:** Passes (6-0-0)

**Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Thornberg**

# NOTIFICATION OF TIMBER HARVEST

Town: Hebron

Date: 11/22/2022

Property Location: Church Street - Route 85 Amston

List all parcels

Assessor's Info:

Map	Block	Lot
09		11
09		4A
09		10

OR:

Unique ID

Total acreage of property(s): 116.2

Total acreage of harvest area: 75

Landowner(s) of Record: Quinebaug Valley Engineers Assoc.

Mailing Address: 180 South Plumb Road

Town: Middletown, CT

Zip 06457

Phone ( )

E-mail:

Primary Contact: Paul Towne

Mailing Address: 26 Riched Lane

Town: Uncasville

Zip 06382

Phone (860 ) 705-5434

E-mail: enwot61@sbcglobal.net

**Note:** Timber harvesting is a *Permitted as of Right Activity* pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, except for those practices regulated under Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Is there a current forest management/stewardship plan for this property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

A forest management report with recommendations was prepared by CT DEEP Service Forester Frank Cervo dated 11/8/2021

This timber harvest has been prepared by a State of Connecticut certified:

(Check one) ☒ Forester OR ☐ Supervising Forest Products Harvester

Forest Practitioner Certificate #: F113

Name: Joan Nichols - Certified Forester

Address: 140 Brush Hill Road Franklin, CT 06254

E-mail: nicholsforestry@comcast.net

Phone #: (Business) 860-917-5190 (Cell) 860-917-5190

**Property Boundaries:**

Bounds are marked: ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Timber Harvest Boundaries:**

Have been marked or flagged: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have owners of all lands within 100 feet of the harvest area been notified via first-class mail prior to filing this "Notification of Timber Harvest"? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Estimated starting date of timber harvesting operations: 01 / / 2023

**Description of Timber Harvest:**

**Objective:** Objective is to thin forest to enhance forest health, release advanced oak regeneration and improve overall stand quality. Landowner is interested in long-term, sustainable management of their forest resource. Income from sale of forest products is utilized to offset maintenance and improvements to the property.

**Treatment:** Intermediate thinning removing approximately 35 - 40% of the total merchantable sawtimber. Trees being removed are low vigor, poor quality, diseased or damaged in all diameter classes. Healthiest trees are being left in the residual stand for seed and future growing stock.

**Amount of forest products to be harvested:**

100,000 Board feet 120 Cords Cubic feet Tons

**How have the trees to be harvested been designated?**

☒ They have been marked with paint at eye level and at ground level. Paint color(s): Orange

☐ They have not been marked

This is not an official CT DEP form but it has been endorsed for town usage by: CT Farm Bureau Assoc., CT Forest & Park Assoc., CT Professional Timber Producers, Society of American Foresters - CT Chapter, and others.

## SOIL, WATER AND INLAND WETLANDS RESOURCES

### Actions Being Performed On This Land

(Check all that apply and locate on attached Timber Harvest Area map -- see information below on maps.)

<u>Crossings / Clearing</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary stream/drainage crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary wetlands crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of trees in wetlands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal of trees in upland review area	<u>Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Installation of water bars <input type="checkbox"/> Grading <input type="checkbox"/> Seeding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)
<u>Log landing area:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> anti-tracking pad <input type="checkbox"/> curb cut  Log landing is in existing gravel pit accessible by existing gravel road.	<u>Roads</u>  Are new roads, other than skid trails, to be constructed for transport of logs or other activities associated with this harvest? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### Describe in further detail as necessary:

Property has an existing road system both for truck access and logging due to previous farming and logging activity. Existing gravel road is being utilized for truck access. Existing skid roads will be utilized whenever possible. There is an existing stream crossing. A temporary bridge will be installed at the existing crossing to protect integrity of stream and eliminate any potential for erosion or deposition of sediment. The majority of the harvest area is comprised of well drained soils. Any timber being removed in the vicinity of wetlands is being felled and removed via upland areas. Harvest will be conducted utilizing Best Management Practices as prescribed by the CT DEEP 2012 Field Guide.

### The following maps are attached to this "Notification" (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Copy of USGS topographic map with property outlined
- ☒ Copy of Assessor's map with property outlined
- ☒ Timber Harvest Area map showing outline of harvest area, main skid road locations, log landing area, truck access roads, inland wetlands, watercourses and any crossings

*The undersigned hereby swear that the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief and that the timber harvest will be conducted in accordance with the specifications outlined in this "Notification of Timber Harvest."*

Signature of Landowner(s): Paul Towne Date: 11/22/2022

Print/Type Name: Paul Towne for QVEA

Signature of Landowner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print/Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Certified Forest Practitioner: Joan Nichols Date: 11/22/2022

Print Name: Joan Nichols

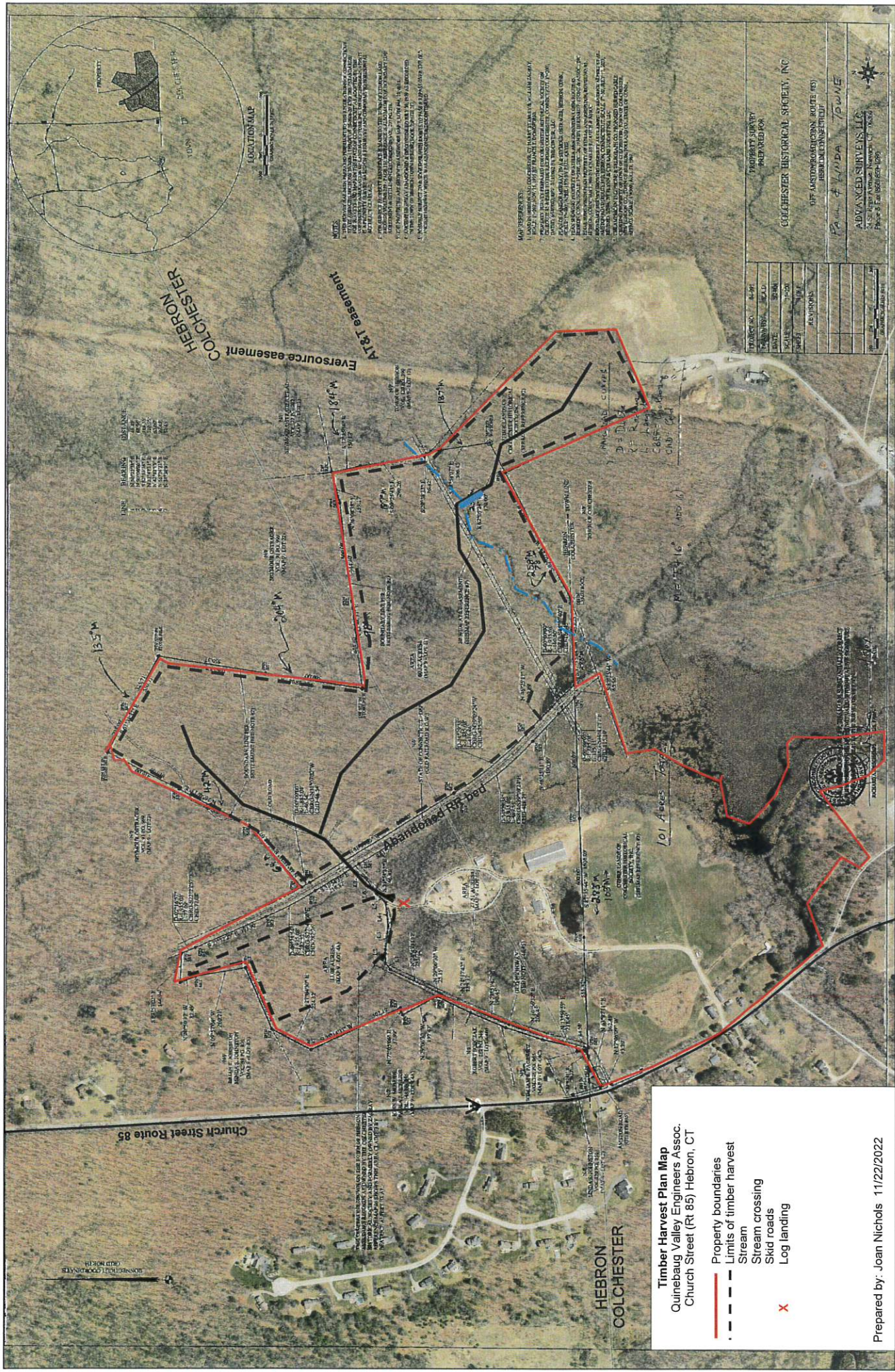
Certificate #: F113 Expiration Date: 10 / 1 / 2024

### Complete and Submit to:

- The Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency/ies in which the property is located, and
- A courtesy copy of this Notification Form should also be sent to The Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry  
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, Tel: (860) 424-3630

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**Timber Harvest Plan Map**  
Quinebaug Valley Engineers Assoc.  
Church Street (Rt 85) Hebron, CT

— Property boundaries  
- - - Limits of timber harvest  
x Stream  
Stream crossing  
Skid roads  
Log landing

Prepared by: Joan Nichols 11/22/2022

PROJECT NO. 24-01  
DATE: 11/22/2022  
SCALE: 1" = 100'  
PROJECT: QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION  
PROJECT LOCATION: CHURCH STREET (RT 85) HEBRON, CT  
PROJECT PREPARED BY: JOAN NICHOLS  
PROJECT CHECKED BY: JOAN NICHOLS  
PROJECT APPROVED BY: JOAN NICHOLS  
PROJECT SCALE: 1" = 100'

PROPERTY SURVEY  
PREPARED FOR  
QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION  
101 ABRAHAM STREET  
HEBRON, CT 06245  
PHONE: 860-885-1234  
FAX: 860-885-1235  
WWW.QVEA.COM

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## James Cordier

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**From:** nicholsforestry@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:42 AM  
**To:** James Cordier  
**Subject:** RE: Timber Harvest Notification - Quinebaug Valley Engineers  
**Attachments:** Quinebaug Valley Engineers CT DEEP forestry report\_000012.pdf

Jim,  
Thanks for your prompt response. Attached is the CT DEEP forester's report. All of the area we will be working in is high and dry. Where the limits of the wetlands are is very obvious in the field and I will be only marking those trees that will not contribute to the future health of the forest and none that will fall or negatively impact the wetlands. The only real issue is the installation of a temporary log bridge where there is currently an existing woods road that fords the small stream. I have already called 811 regarding driving over the AT&T line and will also contact Eversource.

When you review the maps, you should take note that the town of Hebron GIS does not have the property correctly mapped. I have attached the survey. The Timber Harvest Notification base map which I provided is Georeferenced with the survey map overlayed on to a leaf-off aerial photo. That is an accurate depiction of the boundaries. In addition, for decades the Colchester/Hebron town line has been ambiguous in that area which is why the survey map shows what was the town line and what is currently the town line. I spoke with Carol, the new wetlands agent in Colchester, just to explain the project because the forest management activity is on the Hebron side but the trucks will egress and ingress on the existing gravel road on the Colchester side just to keep her informed.

I am happy to meet you on site if you want to take a walk.  
Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

Joan Nichols  
Certified Forester  
140 Brush Hill Road  
Franklin, CT 06254  
(860) 917-5190  
nicholsforestry@comcast.net

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**From:** James Cordier <jcordier@hebronct.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** nicholsforestry@comcast.net; Matthew Bordeaux <mbordeaux@hebronct.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Timber Harvest Notification - Quinebaug Valley Engineers

Hi Joan and Matt,  
I received the Notification of Timbering materials this morning and will accommodate your request for agenda placement at our December 8th meeting. Please contact me at [jcordier@hebronct.com](mailto:jcordier@hebronct.com) or 860-2285971 ext 139 if you'd like to meet-up in the field.  
Jim

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**From:** [nicholsforestry@comcast.net](mailto:nicholsforestry@comcast.net) <[nicholsforestry@comcast.net](mailto:nicholsforestry@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 8:24:28 AM

**Conservation Commission suggestions to Draft Amendment (10-24-2022)**  
Park and Open Space Policies

These are great updates to the Park and Open Space Policies! Thank you for asking us for input. Please see our suggestions below:

in blue = suggested to be added

in red ~~strikeout~~ = to omit

in green = added as explanation, but not intended to be part of the Policies (can delete from Policies document)

A note about adding the prohibition of the use of neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticides on open space: because these insecticides are killing / harming pollinators and songbirds, easily get into groundwater, and cause fetal defects in mammals, Connecticut has recently banned their use by golf courses and landscapers (they have been banned for homeowner use for years). Hebron's Plan of Conservation and Development is being updated to prohibit their use on open space and thus has prompted the suggestion to the drafted Park and Open Space Policies.

We are happy to discuss any of these items with the Parks and Recreation Commission and, again, greatly appreciate the request for input.

Sincerely,  
Conservation Commission

**DRAFT AMENDMENT (10-24-2022)**

Town Of Hebron  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Park and Open Space Policies

**Sec 1 Introduction**

The Town of Hebron (hereafter, The Town) takes pride in the high quality of its parks, recreational facilities and open space. The Parks & Recreation Commission (hereafter, The Commission) has therefore directed the staff of the Parks & Recreation Department (hereafter, The Department) to manage the Town's parks, recreational facilities and open space in a fair manner that recognizes proper care and conditioning.

**Sec 2 Definitions**

*Parks:* Developed public green areas owned by the Town devoted to the use of active and passive recreational needs. Parks may include defined parking areas, enhanced trails, bridges, roads, buildings, and other permanent structures.



*Recreational Facilities:* Any areas and structures owned by the Town designed for specific recreational purposes, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, courts and pavilions.

*Open Space:* Undeveloped conservation areas owned by the Town ~~and used~~ for passive recreational ~~or agricultural~~ purposes; ecosystem services including climate mitigation, water / air filtration preservation, and biodiversity protection; ~~which~~ and farming, as appropriate. This may include but is not limited to land without buildings, roads, driveways, or other permanent structures.

### **Sec 3 Hours of operation**

All parks, recreational facilities and open space shall be open Sunrise to Sunset unless posted by the Parks & Recreation Director or their authorized agent (hereafter, The Director) subject to the limitations stated. No person shall under any circumstances without written permission enter, remain, or loiter in any park, recreational facility or open space, between closing and opening time as posted by the Director. All parks of the Town will have signs posted regarding hours.

### **Sec 4 Exclusion from parks, recreational facilities and open space**

The Town Manager, the Director as the designee of the Town Manager and any police authority shall have the right to exclude, when necessary, any person from entering a park or recreation facility or a portion of any park, recreation facility or open space to ensure that the area will not become over-crowded, or to ensure the safety of persons both inside and outside the park or recreation facility.

The Town Manager, the Director as the designee of the Town Manager and any police authority shall also have the right cause to have removed or excluded from any park, recreation facility or open space any person whose conduct is detrimental to the safety of others, creates a risk of damage to property or is in violation of these rules or of any federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

In emergency situations, any portion of parks, recreational facilities or open space may be closed to the public until it is deemed safe to reopen.

### **Sec 5 Supervision of minors**

No supervision will be provided by the Department for minors, except in programs sponsored by the Department.

### **Sec 6 Permits**

A permit is required for any person, group, or organization who or which seeks to use any park, recreational facility or open space in a manner which is prohibited by, disallowed under, or at variance with the specific uses and activities permitted under this ordinance, or where an exception is sought or if scheduled for a specific group or use. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. The Town and its departments shall not be required to obtain a permit, to enter upon parks, recreational facilities or open space for any Town purpose but shall in advance

obtain permission to perform its function from the Director. Recreational facility use plans shall be approved annually by the Commission.

A permit is required for any person, group or organization who or which seeks to engage in any activity which, without any exception to these rules and regulations, would not be permitted or who or which seeks to reserve a park, recreational facility or open space, or portion thereof for a particular schedule of events. The Director may approve or deny a permit upon such conditions as are reasonably necessary to protect public property and safety.

Any permit granted by the Director is granted subject to all other statutes, ordinances, and regulations which are applicable to the use sought, activity to be undertaken, and park, recreation facility or open space to be used.

All fees imposed by the Town for use of parks, recreational facilities or open space shall be paid in full at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date of use.

Cautionary note: Charging fees for open space recreational use would negate landowner liability protection afforded to municipalities. State Statute Section 52-557G: "[...] an owner of land who makes all or any part of the land available to the public **without charge, rent fee or other commercial service** for recreational purposes owes no duty of care to keep the land, or the part thereof so made available, safe for entry or use by others for recreational purposes, or to give any warning of a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity on the land to persons entering for recreational purposes." Sec. 52-557h states that **the owner would be liable if there are charges** for the recreational use of the land.

Any permit obtained under this section shall be retained by the person or group for which the permit was granted and shall be shown to the Town Manager, any member of the Department, or police upon request. Failure to have possession of and to show said permit upon such request may subject the person or group to civil removal from the parks, lawful remedies or criminal penalties.

*Standards of Issuance of permits:*

The proposed activity or use of the park, recreational facility or open space will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment **or ecosystem services** of the park, recreational facility or open space;

The proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation;

The proposed activity cannot reasonably be expected to incite violence, crime, or disorderly conduct;

The proposed activity will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation of the Town. The Town reserves the right to require police presence at any event with the user reimbursing the cost of police service.

**Sec 7 Fees**

Fees charged for the use of parks, recreational facilities or open space shall be paid directly to the Department with the Town named as payee. Checks may be accepted at the discretion of the Director. A returned check charge may be imposed for all checks which are returned from the payor's bank unpaid. Fee schedule will be annually reviewed by the Commission and approved by the Director.

**Sec 8 No liability for stolen property, property damage, personal injury** As a condition for use of parks, recreational facilities or open space, persons or groups using any park, recreational facility or open space agree to hold the Town harmless, assume all responsibility for lost or stolen property, personal injuries, or property damage, and by entry onto the park, recreational facility or open space agree that the use of the park, recreational facility or open space is at their own risk. If fees are charged, landowner is liable per state statute noted above.

**Sec 9 Use in accordance with law**

Any persons or group using parks, recreational facilities or open space shall do so in accordance with all applicable state statutes and regulations, and town ordinances and regulations, and posted rules.

**Sec 10 Vehicles, motor vehicles, parking**

Motor vehicles are permitted in parks, recreational facilities and open space only in designated parking areas.

Vehicles shall be parked so as not to unduly restrict the parking of other vehicles or to obstruct the passage of other vehicles, including emergency vehicles or operators, into and out of the designated area.

The following vehicles are permitted access to all park areas

- (1) Authorized emergency vehicles, including but not limited to fire department, police and ambulance, and other emergency vehicles.
- (2) Town vehicles.
- (3) Vehicles engaged in department-approved maintenance.
- (4) Vehicles engaged in activities related to the enforcement of this section.
- (5) Other vehicles authorized by the Director.

**Sec 11 Speed Limit**

The speed limit within all parks and recreational facilities will be posted, but not more than 15 mph.

**Sec 12 Domestic Animals**

Domestic animals must be on a leash and restrained at all times except in designated areas. Owners shall clean up and dispose of animal waste, in approved receptacle.



### **Sec 13 Flying model aircraft, drones**

The use of any flying model aircraft or drones shall be allowed only with permission of the Director.

Trail Use: Respect private property adjacent to trails; staying on trails is encouraged. Follow proper trail etiquette.

### **Sec 14 Bicycles**

Bicycles may be ridden in designated areas in parks, recreational facilities and open space, provided that such use is in accordance with all applicable state statutes and general town ordinances regulating the use of bicycles, including but not limited to the requirements pertaining to working brakes and operator helmets. Bicycle riders must stay on the designated trails and ride in a manner respectful of the property and of other trail users.

Bicycles with motors of any kind are specifically prohibited, except for electric bicycles as allowed per applicable state statutes.

### **Sec 15 Horseback riding**

Horses may be ridden in designated areas in parks, recreational facilities and open space, provided that such use is in accordance with all applicable state statutes and general town ordinances regulating the use of horses. Horse riders must stay on the designated trails and ride in a manner respectful of the property and of other trail users.

### **Sec # Hiking, Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing**

Please refer to Safety Tips on Parks and Recreation website.

### **Sec 16 Skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading**

Skateboarding, roller skating, and rollerblading are permitted only where posted.

### **Sec 17 Fishing**

Fishing is permitted only where posted.

### **Sec 18 Ice Skating**

Ice skating is permitted only at places and under conditions posted.

### **Sec # Boating – *what is allowed?***

### **Sec # Farming**

Where there is a history of use, and as practical / harmonious with other uses, open space land may be farmed with permission from the Director, in consultation with the Conservation Officer. Climate smart agricultural practices – as identified by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - are encouraged. Please see: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/climate/climate-smart-mitigation-activities> The use of neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticides in farming on open space is prohibited (see below Prohibited uses).

## Sec 19 Prohibited uses and activities

The following uses and activities shall be and are hereby prohibited in parks, recreational facilities and open space:

- *Damage to property.* No persons shall damage, deface, displace, remove, destroy or tamper with any gates, fences, security devices, seats, shelters, or structures of any nature whatsoever, roads or any equipment or building or part of thereof, or any sign, notice or inscription, owned, operated, or under control of the Town.
- No persons shall deface, remove, destroy, or otherwise injure in any manner whatsoever any structure, waterway, trails, rock, tree, flower, or any other plant life; nor disturb or molest any wildlife. *Plants, animals, earth materials, etc., will not be added / released unless approved by the Director, in consultation with Conservation Officer. [This is to avoid introduction of harmful non-native invasive species and to preserve biodiversity.] Gathering of seeds or herbs requires the permission of the Director. (Volunteer activities involving safe, manual removal of non-native invasive plants are allowed with prior permission from Director, with notification to Conservation Officer.)*
- *Littering.* No rubbish or debris shall be brought into a park, recreational facility or open space for disposal. Any rubbish or debris, which results from the usual and normal use of a park or recreational facility, may be disposed of only in receptacles provided in the park or recreation facility for such purpose. Disposing, throwing, leaving, dropping, or discharging any rubbish or debris in any other place upon the premises of a park, recreational facility or open space is prohibited.
- *Rubbish, garbage, sewage and noxious material.* No persons shall bring into, leave behind or dump any material of any kind into the open space. Refuse is not to be dropped, thrown or scattered on open space property. No persons shall throw, discharge into, cast, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, pond, lake, or drain any substance, matter or thing, either liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said river, brook, stream, pond or lake.
- *Neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticides.* The use of neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticides in farming operations on open spaces is prohibited.
- *Advertising.* No persons, companies, or other entities shall distribute or display any flag, banner, sign or any other matter for advertising or promotional purposes, nor attempt to attract attention for advertising

purposes by use of any musical instruments or any sound device without the approval of the Director. The foregoing provision shall not be deemed to prohibit entering a park, recreational facility or open space by means of motor vehicles displaying company logos, identification or other similar information.

- *Soliciting.* No person shall solicit for any purpose whatsoever.
- Functions involving an entrance fee, raffle, fund raising or for-profit activities that are not related to a local non-profit are prohibited.
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- *Swimming or wading.* Swimming or wading is prohibited.
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- *Golf.* The playing or practicing of golf, or the driving or hitting of golf balls, is prohibited.
- *Camping.* No person shall camp overnight, unless approved by special permit.
- *Fireworks.* No person shall bring in or have in his possession in any park, recreational facility or open space any fireworks, of any nature whatsoever.
- *Fires.* No person shall kindle, build or maintain a fire except at approved locations.
- *Excavation.* No person shall dig or remove any dirt or stone except in areas designated by the Director, make any excavation in violation of town zoning ordinances, quarry any stone, or set off any explosion, or cause or assist in doing any of these things.
- *Metal Detectors.* The use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- *Hunting, trapping and disturbing wildlife.* No persons shall hunt, trap or otherwise disturb any animal or bird; nor shall any person remove, collect or have in his possession the young of any wild animal or the egg or nest of any bird unless express written permission is given by the Director.
- *Firearms.* No person shall use, carry or possess firearms of any kind or have air- or gas-powered guns, crossbows or bows, or other missile-throwing devices or weapons of any kind.
- *Snow vehicles, motorbikes and all-terrain vehicles.* Motorized snow vehicles, motorbikes, all-terrain vehicles or any other means of motorized transport are not permitted.

**Sec 20 Alcoholic beverages/drugs/smoking**

- No alcoholic beverages, cannabis or controlled substances of any kind may be possessed or consumed by any person within a park, recreational facility or open space.
- No person shall be present in any park or recreational facility under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or combination thereof to the extent that the person's ability to use the facilities is impaired to a substantial degree or to the extent that the person's condition impairs the health, safety, or enjoyment of the park or recreational facility by any other person or group.
- Smoking or vaping of any kind is prohibited in any park, recreational facility or open space.

**Sec 21 Director's ability to grant permission**

The Director may approve exceptions to these rules by granting permission for such an exception under such conditions as he deems appropriate. All such approvals shall be in writing setting forth the reason therefore.

**Sec 22 Power to enforce chapter**

The town's police department shall have the power and authority to enforce all sections contained in this ordinance.

**Sec 23 Violations and penalties**

Any person who violates any of the above rules and regulations shall be subject to a fine, penalties, cost and damages specified in (272-3 in the code ordinances).



## James Cordier

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**From:** Joanna Chester <[joanna@chesterenv.com](mailto:joanna@chesterenv.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:35 PM  
**To:** James Cordier  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Town of Hebron's Park and Open Space Policies

I would like to suggest that people be allowed to walk their dogs off-leash in open space if there are no other parties visible on the property and no other vehicles in the parking area, and the dog is under the owner's control. A dog park is no good for taking a walk with your dog, and dogs need to be able to walk at their own pace and run. Maybe people could apply for an annual permit for this activity.

Joanna LJ Chester  
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On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:49 AM James Cordier <[jcordier@hebronct.com](mailto:jcordier@hebronct.com)> wrote:

Good Morning,

I am forwarding the foregoing draft document to you for review and adjustments, if you have any. I am willing to serve as the point of contact for consolidation and processing of your comments. (I like the outright, definitive ban of cars, motorbikes and ATVs on Town property – notwithstanding designated parking areas.)

Jim

**From:** Craig Bryant <[cbryant@hebronct.com](mailto:cbryant@hebronct.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:09 PM  
**To:** James Cordier <[jcordier@hebronct.com](mailto:jcordier@hebronct.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Town of Hebron's Park and Open Space Policies

Jim,

Attached is the updated Parks and Rec and Open Space policies that myself and the Recreation Commission worked on recently. We have sent it on to your commission to look over and offer any suggestions. Let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

**Craig Bryant** CPRP  
Parks and Recreation Director  
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**To:** Thomas Loto <[tom.loto@aecom.com](mailto:tom.loto@aecom.com)>  
**Cc:** Craig Bryant <[cbryant@hebronct.com](mailto:cbryant@hebronct.com)>; Matthew Bordeaux <[mbordeaux@hebronct.com](mailto:mbordeaux@hebronct.com)>  
**Subject:** Town of Hebron's Park and Open Space Policies

Tom,

Please review the attached letter and proposed Hebron Policy update.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ken Jardin, Chairman

Parks and Recreation Commission

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November 18, 2022

Joanna Chester  
350 West Street  
Hebron, CT 06248

Dear Joanna:

This letter is to confirm that the Board of Selectmen reappointed you as a Member to the Conservation Commission at its November 17, 2022 meeting. Your term will run until December 2026.

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office, Hebron Town Office Building prior to the next meeting, to be administered an oath of office as prescribed by law. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We appreciate your willingness to serve the Town of Hebron.

Sincerely,

*Daniel Larson*

Daniel Larson, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

AJT:dw

cc: Town Clerk  
Democratic Town Committee  
Republican Town Committee  
Thomas Loto, Chairman  
**J. Cordier**