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REGULAR MEETING (VIRTUAL)  
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:30 P.M.  
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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - A. Seating of Alternate
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 9, 2023
- 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 (if warranted)
- VI. New Applications
  - A. Declaration of Non-regulated Use (No Permit Designation) and Accompanying Endorsement, Hebron Pollinator Pathway, c/o Michele Sinkez, 209 Millstream Road, Amston CT, Pond Site Project / Demonstration Including Pollinator-friendly Landscape Plantings on the East Side of the Pond at the Raymond Brook Preserve.
- VII. Pending Applications- None
- VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals / Compliance Updates

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IX. Pre-applications -None

X. New Business- None

XI. Other Pertinent Business

- A. CT RC&D ERT
- B. Hebron Maple Fest
- C. Plan of Conservation and Development Input

XII. A. Airline Trail State Park Master Plan

XIII. Correspondence

- A. Letter of Approval from J. Cordier to Mr. and Mrs. James Serres, 976 Church Street to cut and remove one dead tree and the removal of felled trees and branches within a designated Conservation Easement Area.
- B. Letter from A. Zitkus, with attachment, to J. Cordier regarding Hebron's EZ Map creation for the Air Line Trail State Park 12-Town Trail website.
- C. Letter from J. Cordier to the Commission re: DEEP link to data on Freshwater Fish Counts and Macroinvertebrate Counts in Hebron watercourses.

XIV. Liaison Reports

- A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee
- B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership

XV. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting-May 11th, 2023 (Virtual)

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Tom Loto called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m. and noted all regular members were in attendance.

Members Present: Tom Loto (Chair), Christopher Frey (Vice-Chair), Dan Seremet, Joanna Chester, Jasmin Okugic

Staff Present: Jim Cordier (Wetlands Agent)

Guests: Cindy & Tim Senes, Frank Zitkus

II. Approval of Minutes-February 9, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

A. C. Frey submitted the following clarification:

1. Section XIV.A (Liaison Reports, OSLAC) -The parcel discussed was in fact closed on December 1".

B. J. Chester submitted the following clarification:

1. Section XII. (Discussion of Airline Trail State Park Master Plan and Hebron Features Inventory) – The final sentence should read "She noted the work of Frank Zitkus and Maryanne Foote in gathering agricultural resources."

Motion by C. Frey and seconded by J. Chester to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Additions to Agenda

None.

IV. Recognition of Guests

F. Zitkus reported Maple Fest is scheduled for March 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. Several boards will be sharing a booth, including the Conservation Commission, OSLAC, and Parks and Rec. He urged members to contact the BoS and BoF to support funding for OSLAC as proposed in the budget.

V. Violations

- A. Ralph and Lynn LaGuardia, 25 Mai Road -Violation of Conservation Easement Update- J. Cordier again reported no updates, though it seems a tentative agreement has been reached. Communication between the property owner's attorney and town's attorney has been slow.

VI. New Applications

- A. Letter of Permission (No Permit Designation)- James and Cynthia Senes, 976 Church Street, Amston CT  
This application concerns the cleanup and removal of debris and deadfall resulting from recent storms, as well as the removal of a standing dead tree, located roughly 25

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feet from the applicant's house. The applicant's property abuts an easement located along Route 85, in addition to a well easement for a neighboring property. C. and J. Senes (applicants) were in attendance. After discussion, the Commission agreed the application posed no threat, though they noted their preference that any heavy equipment not traverse the easement, and that the resulting chipped wood be spread evenly. The Commission's draft letter of approval for the application is included below.

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**LETTER OF APPROVAL**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Senes,

Pursuant to the standard terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement pertaining to the property at 976 Church Street, Amston, CT, the Hebron Conservation Commission is designated as agent of that Conservation Easement. The preservation purpose of the foregoing charge over that land includes the insurance that "no trees or shrubs shall be cut, removed or destroyed within the Conservation Areas without the prior written approval of the Commission".

The Commission has deemed that your proposed cutting and removal of one dead tree that presents a threat to the safety of your house and property and the removal of felled trees and branches that occurred because of recent storm events are allowable and do not constitute a breach of the ecological intent or integrity of the designated Easement area.

In granting your request, the Commission asks that its Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agent be contacted prior to the commencement of work and be allowed to inspect the Easement area during and upon completion of your proposed project. We would also ask that you refrain from the usage of heavy vehicles or equipment in the Easement area during the conduct of your operations, that the stone wall in the north side of the Easement remain undisturbed, that native understory vegetation (if any) remain undisturbed, that woodchips be evenly spread if left on-site, and that you abide by the terms and conditions of the Well Easement (within the Conservation Easement) in favor of your neighbor at the abutting property located at 563 Amston Road, Colchester, CT during the tree and branch removal processes.

Sincerely,  
James P. Cordier  
Conservation and Inlands Agent

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**Motion by D. Seremet and seconded by J. Chester to approve the letter of approval, with the discussed additions included. The motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. Pending Applications**

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None.

VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals/Compliance Updates

J. Cordier reported normal regulatory compliance items, noting the increase of easement compliance requests from homeowners, which he finds encouraging. He also noted the upcoming Maple Fest, and efforts to increase public education and engagement.

IX. Pre-Applications

None

X. New Business

None

XI. Other Pertinent Business

A. CT RC&D ERT Update

J. Cordier noted a document Jean Davies recently sent relating to the Bernstein and Hibbert properties, containing much useful information.

B. Hebron Maple Fest

The Commission's joint booth with OSLAC and Parks and Rec will include updated posterboard-size maps of Open Space properties, as well as information about non-native invasive species.

C. POCD Input

Input from the Commission towards the POCD update, particularly regarding sustainability, is still being sought.

XII. Airline Trail State Park Master Plan

J. Cordier stated an application was submitted by CT RC&D to DEEP towards a recreational trails grant. The application, submitted with the support of the 12 member towns (including Hebron), would provide for organizational formation and marketing. He hopes to have an update next month.

XIII. Correspondence

Relevant correspondence was included in the agenda, with no further discussions necessary.

XIV. Liaison Reports

A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee

C. Frey reported no updates since the last meeting. J. Cordier also noted no new developments, though he discussed a 61-acre property on Jones Street that could potentially link existing Open Space lands. The property is not currently available, and after discussion with the owner may or may not be in the future, though he stated his commitment to preserving the land.

B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership

C. Frey noted they met last month and talked about impacts from salt water, which the Commission then discussed as relates to Hebron and proposed DPW sites. J. Cordier urged members to avoid offering any positions or predispositions before

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proposals are put before the Commission. Following a question from D. Seremet, C. Frey noted upticks in salt water numbers are often seen during winter, as well as low water periods. J. Cordier also noted the possibility of including some of Hebron's tributaries in a Salmon River/DEEP native brook trout/watercourse study.

**C. CT Association of Wetlands Scientists**

J. Chester reported the annual conference was held today (March 9).

The Commission then discussed moving towards in-person meetings in the coming months.

**XV. Adjournment**

**Motion by T. Loto to adjourn at 8:55p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)

## James Cordier

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**From:** michele sinkez <sinkezmichele@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 9:19PM  
**To:** James Cordier; Craig Bryant; Frank Zitkus  
**Cc:** Subject: candaceboshea@gmail.com  
**Attachments:** Fwd: audubon grant  
Hebron Conservation Meeting Pollinator Pathway Pond Site Project (1).pdf; Hartford Audubon Grant Application Hebron Pollinator Pathway.docx

Dear Jim, Craig and commission members,

The Hebron Pollinator Pathway(HPP) applied for a \$1000 grant from the Hartford Audubon Society in February. This March we received notice that our application was accepted and we now have initial funding to proceed with our project *upon your approval*.

Attached, you will find our complete proposal with its map, photos, plant lists, design plan and planting processes.

We are aware of the site conditions at the pond's edge and have specifically selected native perennial plants that are suitable for growing in high moisture and wet ground.

We appeal to you for your enthusiastic approval of this Audubon project that will further enhance the environmental contributions of the Raymond Brook Preserve and demonstrate how native plantings can support pollinator habitat and remain attractive year round too.

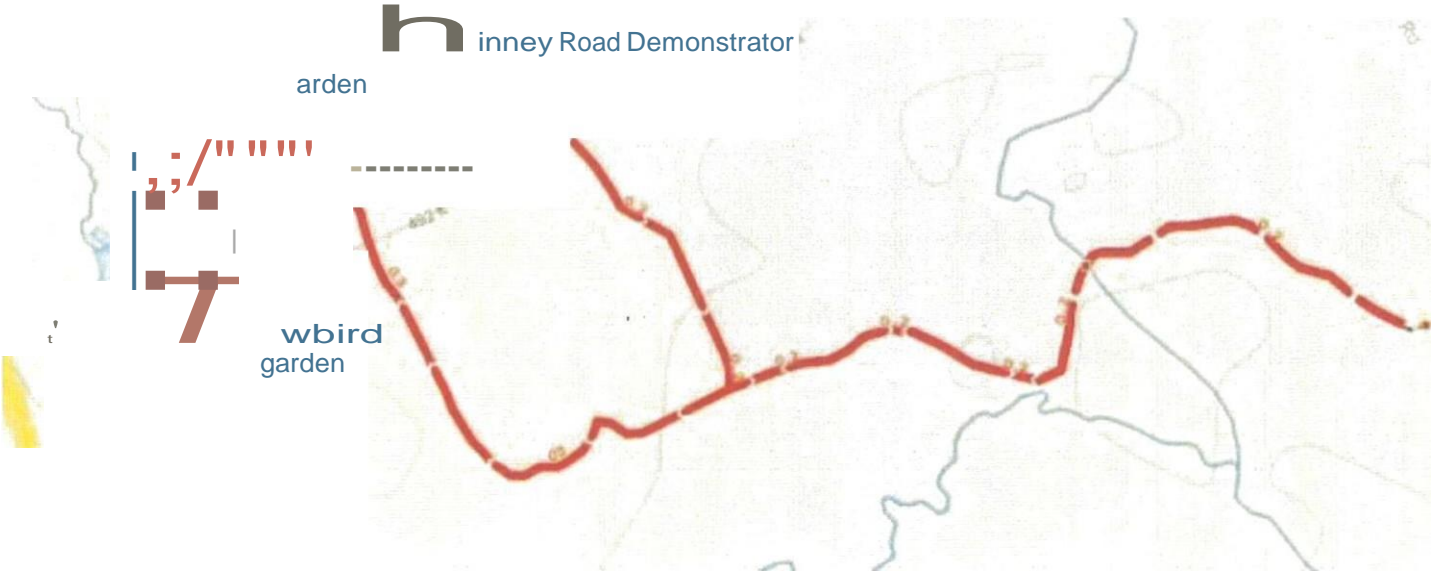
Please take the time to review our materials and be prepared to commend the creation of the RBP Audubon Pollinator Garden with your vote of approval to move forward as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in advance of our meeting, please bring them to our attention now so that we will be prepared to give the most informative answers.

Sincerely yours,  
Michele Sinkez  
Candace O'Shea  
Hebron Pollinator Pathway

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Hebron Pollinator Pathway Pond Site Project  
Raymond Brook Preserve- Church St Entrance





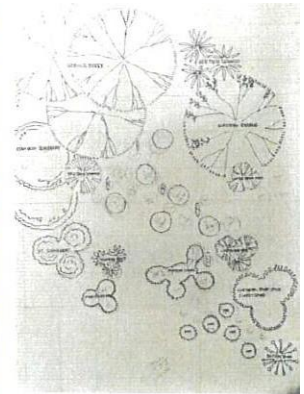
## Hebron Pollinator Pathway Pond Site Project Raymond Brook Preserve- Church St Entrance



1 View of Site from Primary Preserve  
Entrance at Church St.



2 Side view close up including mowed  
invasive Multiflora Rose



3 Landscape Plant Map as  
seen from zoom of Photo 1

# The Process

- Site Preparation
  - Weed whack/mow area. Cut back/remove invasives. To smother the area, we will lay silage tarp.
  - We will begin site preparation immediately upon approval of the project.
- Initial Plant Installation
  - All plants will be planted bare root in local soil
  - Primary installation will occur in late spring.
  - Cardboard will be laid in bare areas to prevent invasive growth. This will be covered with fresh tree shavings.

## The Process

### Hebron Pollinator Pathway Raymond Brook Preserve Demonstrator Garden at Kin Rd.



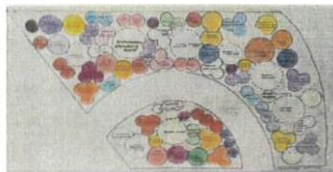
1 The Beginning



4 Initial Planting



9 Girls Scout Installed Arbor



2 The Garden Map



5 Plants Installed



8 Summer



3 Site Preparation



6 Summer 2021



7 Summer

## Inventory list

		Name	Common name	H x W	Unit Price	Units	total	Size
Edible	1001137	Vaccinium corymbosum B Jersey	Highbush Blueberry	8x 10	26.63	3	79.89	3
Grass	1006779	Panicum Prairie Winds	Cheyenne Sky	3x3	9.47	3	28.41	
Grass	1010528	Schizanthus Scoparium	Little Bluestem	3x2	9.40	3	28.20	
Perennial	1000953	Rudbeckia Fulgida	Goldsturm	3x3	7.05	3	21.15	
Perennial	1003320	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed	2' x2'	11.59	5	57.95	
Perennial	1003454	Caltha palustris	Marsh Marigold	1' x1'	8.15	7	57.05	
Perennial	1004139	Liatris pycnostachya	Kobold Original	3x 1	9.45	5	47.25	2
Perennial	1004694	Lobelia spicata	Blue Cardinal Flower	3x2	8.15	6	48.90	
Perennial	1005310	Echinacea purpurea	Pow Wow White	2x2	7.05	5	35.25	
Perennial	1011897	Veronicastrum virginicum "Album"	Culver's Root	5x2	10.72	3	32.16	2
Perennial	1012841	Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	4x 2	10.60	5	53.00	2
Shrub	1001757	Clethra alnifolia	Ruby Spice	6x5	24.20	3	72.60	3
Shrub	1003293	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Button bush	6x5	24.20		24.20	3
Shrub	1003693	Cornus stolonifera	Artie Fire Red	4x 4	25.46	4	101.84	3
Shrub	1004268	Hypericum x Sunny Boulevard	St Johns Wort	4x 4	20.02	3	60.06	2
Tree	1000575	Cercis canadensis single stem	Eastern Redbud	20 x20	84.78		84.78	7
Tree	1009386	Amelanchier canadensis	Shadblow Serviceberry	15 x 15	70.55	3	211.65	7
Total				\$0.00			11044.84	



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976 Church Street

Amston CT 06231

March 09, 2023

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## James Cordier

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**From:** A Zitkus <cthistory10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 3:44 PM  
**To:** James Cordier  
**Cc:** A Zitkus  
**Subject:** Hebron's EZ Map  
**Attachments:** Air Line State Park Trail Map\_Hebron-6.pdf

Hi,Jim,

Attached is Hebron's approved EZ Map. (Sorry, I forgot to include you in the cc of the last email, so that email is copied below.) The new 12-town Air Line Trail website will expand on Hebron's many assets which are highlighted in the EZ Map.  
Ann

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**From:** Pete Hary <pete@quinnandharv.com>  
**To:** Frank Zitkus <annfrankz@att.net>  
**Cc:** Matthew Bordeaux <mbordeaux@hebronct.com>; Craig Bryant <cbryant@hebronct.com>; M. A. Foote <footehillsfarm@juno.com>; Jeanne Davies <jdavies@ctrctd.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 02:53:40 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Re: Hebron's EZ Map last edits

Thank you for your kind words Ann. It has been a pleasure. Attached is the update.

On Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 2:37PM Frank Zitkus <annfrankz@att.net> wrote:

You did a great job, Pete! One last item: Under "Air Line Trail and Town Preserve Tips" **please add the bullet: "Open dawn to dusk."** (This would be on a bulleted line just above "Contact Hebron Parks and Recreation Department for more info.")

After this last inclusion, Matt Bordeaux, Hebron's Town Planner, has given the approval to move forward!

We can't thank you enough for your expertise and very kind guidance, Pete. Your creative work on Hebron's EZ Map is exemplary and it certainly shines in this beautiful map.

With much appreciation,

Ann and Frank Zitkus

P.S. We would appreciate your resending the EZ Map with this last "Tip" item included.

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unless other:wise noted.  
Preserve Wildlife: Please Stay  
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Shoe!MeelTreads.  
Open dawn to dusk.  
Contact Hebron Parks & Recreation  
Department for more info.

## James Cordier

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**From:** James Cordier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 12:58 PM  
**To:** James Cordier  
**Subject:** Link to Connecticut DEEP Fish Community Data

<https://cteco.uconn.edu/projects/fish/viewer/index.html>

The foregoing link gives access to data on Freshwater Fish Counts and Macroinvertebrate Counts in several of Hebron's watercourses. While the imagery and data were gathered between 2009 and 2016, they still comprise a source of what could be deemed baseline data for future comparative studies. The number and the of species present may, in part, serve as an indicator of waterbody and watercourse **health**-given deforestation, invasive species introduction, improper fisheries management, development and impervious surface introduction, road salination, pollution, drainage alteration, weather patterns and the effect of global warming on Connecticut and this community. The link to the interactive map will be filed under the Conservation Commission's general inventory documents of Hebron's public lands, as hard copy of this document is unachievable due to technical aspects.

Jim Cordier  
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agent  
Town of Hebron