

# **BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday October 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting at Town Hall & Zoom**

*See page two for Zoom instructions.*

### **1.0 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call**

### **2.0 Minutes Review of September 4, 2025, Regular Meeting**

### **3.0 Public Comment**

### **4.0 Financial Report**

4.1 CACIWC Annual Meeting (11/15) Early Bird Registration [Form](#)

4.2 Winter Faire Registration (12/6) & Tabling Event at Cropley's (12/7)

4.3 RBV Pizza

### **5.0 New Business**

5.1 Annual Photo Contest - 25 Year Milestone, New Flyer & Prizes

5.2 Calendar Publishing and New Ad Forms

5.3 Change Date of 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Peak Foliage Hike to 10/19/2025 at 1PM

5.4 Annual RBV (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Limited Hobo Swap, 10/25 from 10-4PM, Herrick Park Lodge

### **6.0 Continuing Business**

6.1 Potential Solar Project in Manchester on Lake Street

6.2 Results of Freja Park Workparty (Plan Another)

6.3 Composting in Bolton & Recycling at Common Gathering

6.4 Beaver Solutions LLC Free Assessment

### **7.0 Reports: Bike Walk Bolton, FBL, BLWCA, SRWP, CACIWC**

### **8.0 Correspondence, New Sharable Wetlands Brochure, CACIWC Registration Form, etc.**

### **9.0 Adjournment - Next Meeting is a Zoom Only on Thursday, November 6, 2025,**

*Originals Printed on 100% Recycled Paper– Earth Day and Every Day* 

Topic: Conservation Commission

Time: Oct 6, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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## NOTICE

**FOUR WATER BARS HAVE BEEN CLEANED OUT IN FREJA PARK ON THE GREEN-BLAZED KEMPF TRAIL, THANKS TO THE BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION & VOLUNTEERS.**

Bikers will notice a smooth section upgradient of water bar for safe passage.

*A water bar is a simple but highly effective erosion control feature used on trails, to divert surface runoff and reduce soil erosion.*

**Please note that HUNTING is in season and bright colors should be worn, even on Sundays.**

**Hunting is not allowed in Freja Park any day.**



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## **Fw: CHAPTER 446d\* SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT Sec. 22a-241k.**

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To: "captundra@gmail.com" <captundra@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 31, 2025 at 10:04 PM

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**From:** Samuel Saunders <[ssaunders@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:ssaunders@ellington-ct.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 2, 2025 3:31 PM  
**To:** Parlee, Rod <[rparlee@boltonct.gov](mailto:rparlee@boltonct.gov)>  
**Subject:** CHAPTER 446d\* SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT Sec. 22a-241k.

**Sec. 22a-241k. Recycling receptacles for designated recyclable items at common gathering venues.** (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Generated" means sold or given away at a common gathering venue; and

(2) "Common gathering venue" means any area or building, or portion thereof, that is open to the public, including, but not limited to, any (A) building that provides facilities or shelter for public assembly, (B) inn, hotel, motel, sports arena, supermarket, transportation terminal, retail store, restaurant or other commercial establishment that provides services or retails merchandise, or (C) museum, hospital, auditorium, movie theater or university building.

(b) Each common gathering venue where designated recyclable items may be generated while the public congregates at such venue and that provides for the collection of solid waste shall provide recycling receptacles for the collection of any designated recyclable items generated at such venue, provided nothing in this section shall be construed to require an owner or operator of such venue, or the municipality where such venue is located, to provide such recycling receptacles whenever such receptacles are provided by another person pursuant to contract. Such recycling receptacles shall be as accessible to the public and at the same locations as trash receptacles. Any existing trash receptacle may be converted to a recycling receptacle by labeling or other means appropriate to identify that such receptacle is dedicated to the collection of designated recyclable items.

[https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap\\_446d.htm#sec\\_22a-241k](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_446d.htm#sec_22a-241k)

## **RBV Season 2025**

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Good Morning RBV Coordinators,

Welcome to the 2025 RBV Season, which runs from September 1st to November 30th! I have a few reminders and updates to share with you:

**Staff Updates:**

We have had a lot of staff changes over the past couple of years, but we are happy to announce that I (Melissa Czarnowski) will serve as the new lead volunteer coordinator, and Jessica Landry will serve as the assistant volunteer coordinator. If you have any questions, please reach out to us or [DEEP.VolunteerWaterMonitoring@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.VolunteerWaterMonitoring@ct.gov).

**General Sampling Reminders:**

For anyone who may need them, RBV field kits can be picked up at our lab at [9 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, CT](#). Please reach out to me to arrange a date and time for pick up if you haven't already.

Please remember to follow the attached disinfection protocols when sampling sites. Proper disinfection protocols are a requirement of the RBV scientific collectors permit. Please have your volunteers review these protocols to ensure that we are not inadvertently spreading harmful pathogens to our native amphibian and reptile populations.

When conducting your site visits, you must enter the site information into the electronic voucher submission form found at [RBV Site Submission Form](#). It is **critical** for our data management for this form to be filled out accurately and submitted along with your sample. Please ensure that you have the latest version of the form downloaded (if using a device in the field, such as a phone or tablet).

Photos of critters, volunteers, and other fun RBV activities can be emailed to me to potentially be included in the RBV report and other communications.

**2024 RBV Report:**

We are working on training staff to analyze the data and put together a 2024 RBV report. We appreciate your patience as we adjust to new staff roles to complete this for you. We hope to have the final data and report available later this fall.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for all that you do!

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## **Town of Hebron Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission Annual Report FY 2024-2025**

**MISSION:** The Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission is committed to the preservation of Hebron's wildlife, natural resources, historical assets, and agrarian community charm.

The sparkling streams, clean groundwater, scenic vistas, fields, forests, and the peaceful rural aura of our Town did not happen by chance. These attributes are a legacy of forebears that practiced conscientious land stewardship. They were thoughtful planners and doers committed to a balance between conservation and modest community development.

Since Hebron's major roles and values to the State of Connecticut are those of agriculture, recreation, preserved ecosystems and residential housing, the community has historically sought to preserve its farmlands, woodlands, wetlands and open spaces through careful development, active conservation and a robust land acquisition program that will benefit all of Connecticut's future generations. The Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission plays a critical part in these concerted efforts.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourse regulations of the State of Connecticut (CGS Section 22a-36 through 22a-45) and the Town of Hebron establish the intent and the charge of the Town of Hebron Conservation Commission with the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of inland wetlands, watercourses, aquifers, and upland review areas.

The Town's Inland Wetlands Regulations can be reviewed on the Town Website at [https://hebronct.com/uploads/2014/03/iwregs\\_10-13-05.pdf](https://hebronct.com/uploads/2014/03/iwregs_10-13-05.pdf)

Other roles served by the commission, such as undeveloped area indexing, natural resources inventories, greenway designations, land use suggestions, water supply management, and public information and outreach can be referenced under CGS 7-131a.

Functionally, wetlands are above-ground manifestations of the water table. They protect and recharge our aquifers. We would note that all Hebron residents are entirely reliant upon underground water for their drinking supplies. Other inherent values of wetlands and preserved, vegetated upland areas include pollution filtration; water quality, water quantity and watercourse maintenance; flood mitigation; erosion control; the provision of integral plant and wildlife habitat; carbon storage and atmospheric nitrogen and oxygen balance; rural aesthetics and recreational opportunities. The preservation of natural areas and their functioning ecosystems is central to addressing and solving both the current climate and biodiversity crises.

Many wetlands and water courses have been destroyed by reason of the deposition, filling or removal of material, the diversion or obstruction of water flow, or the illegal erection of structures. State and local law require that a permit be issued prior to commencing any activity within a certain distance of a wetland, water body or water course. In most towns that distance is within one hundred feet, although it may be within three hundred feet from Hebron's major swamps and marshes, two hundred feet from the high-water mark of most of Hebron's streams or within one hundred feet of the wetlands associated with these streams.

Common property owner activities that come under the purview of the foregoing laws include:

- filling swampy areas
- extending lawn or parking area
- clearcutting significant vegetation within the aforesaid 100-foot buffer
- brush and fill disposal into a wetland
- septic discharge
- the discharge of "greywater" (water used for cleaning purposes)
- disposal of hazardous material such as oil, gasoline, paint, or cleaning solvents
- swimming pool discharge
- driveway expansion or home improvement construction

Some of these activities are prohibited while others are allowable if certain preconstruction safeguards are employed. Therefore, a Town permit is required.

The Conservation, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning and Historic Properties Commissions and the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee, with the dedicated Town staff that assists them, work in league to ensure that Hebron's heritage of "timeless beauty," our historical assets and our critical natural resources are passed on to future generations.

The following commentary highlights the activities of the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission during local fiscal year 2024 – 2025:

- Held 8 Regular meetings.
- Accepted and acted upon twelve applications.
- Provided active representation to the Hebron Open Space Land Acquisition Committee and the Salmon River Watershed Committee.
- Members of the Commission advised and coordinated with local volunteer groups and town residents toward the identification and mapping of hiking trails and distinctive features of Open Space parcels in Hebron. They also provided representatives to the Trail Ranger group to assist the Parks and Recreation Department with the maintenance of trails on Town conservation lands.
- Applied to the Connecticut Resource, Conservation and Development Agency for the conduct of a comprehensive Environmental Review Team Natural Resources Assessment of the Town-owned O'Conner property. The study was granted and three inventory teams, including wildlife biologists, historians, a geologist, an ornithologist, a herpetologist, a soil scientist, a cartographer, a forester, a watershed expert, CT DEEP staff, the UConn E Corps and representatives of several land use and conservation groups have deployed to date. The final product will be used as a guide to the future preservation and passive recreational usage of this beautiful and unique parcel.
- Conducted outreach activities with a booth at the Hebron Maple Fest event.
- Drafted and contributed several public information articles to the Hebron Views magazine and other media channels to elevate awareness toward the care, maintenance and enjoyment of our natural resources and passive recreational and environmental treasures. Public Education brochures were dispensed at various events and venues, including information on Jumping Worms, Invasive Plants, Farmland Preservation and Open Space Conservation, Town Trail Maps for hikers, and a Backyard Water Resources (Stewardship) Guide, encompassing lawn care, septic system maintenance, hazardous household products, drainage, and stormwater runoff.

· The Commission has also synergized its efforts with DEEP, the Connecticut Resources Conservation and Development agency (CT RC&D), the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, other municipal agencies and NGOs, including the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, the CT Association of Wetlands Scientists, the Hebron Open Space and Land Acquisition Committee, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Hebron Parks and Recreation Department, the UConn School of Agriculture, the CT Invasive Plants Working Group (CIPWG), the Hebron Pollinator Pathways organization, the Hebron Green Committee and the Salmon River Watershed Partnership.

If you have any questions or need guidance related to work in or near wetland areas, please feel free to contact the Conservation Commission through Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agent Jim Cordier at 860-228-5971 extension 139.