

**Columbia Conservation and Agriculture Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 01, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Adella G. Urban Office Building, Conference Room**

**Meeting Called to order: 7pm**

**Attending: Ann Dunnack, Tom McGrath, Christopher McGrath**

Approval of Minutes 9/06/2018 – **Minutes approved**

Audience of Citizens – **No audience of citizens**

**Old Business**

Conservation Easement Monitoring – **Plan to perform monitoring during winter months**

Trail Maintenance – **Utley Hill trails good, Szegda Farm trails good, Mono Pond trails need work – Tom to do this winter.**

**New Business**

Letter of Support to The Trust for Public Land

- **CCAG to send letter of support**

Conservation Easement on Town Land abutting JT Utley Hill

- **CCAG voted 3-0 to send letter of recommendation to BOS asking them to attach Conservation Easement language to the property deed that abuts the Joshua's Trust Utley Hill preserve.**

Support for Farmers

- **CCAG to write articles in the Columbia Views introducing different Columbia Agriculture activities**

- **CCAG to add information tri fold pamphlet to welcome to**

**columbia packets including trail maps and updated list of agriculture related business in town.**

Sustainable CT - <https://sustainablect.org/>,

**- CCAG voted 3-0 to send letter of recommendation to BOS asking them to seek “Sustainable CT” certification. Many of the towns in our area ( Hebron, Coventry, Windham) have the certification and it would take little effort for Columbia to achieve**  
<https://sustainablect.org/communities-partners-impact/participating-communities/>

Project/Event Ideas

**Hikes – scheduled hikes on trails. Utley Hill Thanksgiving. Szegda Farm during winter along with bonfire sledding day event**

**Szegda Farm Management Plan – review and update as needed**

Sponsor events

**Farm Tours – ex. Behind the scenes at Heartstone Winery?**

**Farm Tours – local goats, sheep, llama, horse farms ?**

2019 Schedule of Meetings

**Meet every other month starting in January with no meeting in July**

Commissioners Comments

Adjournment            **8pm Adjourned**