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Redding Conservation Commission
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Minutes of the Special Meeting
September 29, 2026

7:00 p.m. – Zoom

Present: Aimee Pardee (chair), Joseph Beres, William Hill, Wallace Perlman.

Absent: Tina Miller.

The meetings of September 1, 2026, and September 15, 2026, were cancelled.

Aimee Pardee called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wallace Perlman moved and William Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2026. Approved.

II. REGULATORY

Application #26-09, Zepplin Revocable Trust, Angeli Revocable Trust, 32 Beeholm Road, Andy Soumelidis, agent. To receive and discuss an application for demolition of a single-family residence within the regulated area with possible significant activity associated with construction of new single-family dwelling. Andy Soumelidis made the presentation. Currently a single-family dwelling with pool is situated above and to the north of an existing pond. This dwelling and adjacent construction are to be demolished and the area restored to a natural meadow habitat. Above this area, and to the west is a plateau of land upon which a new single-family dwelling is to be built. Site Walk scheduled for October 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Application #26-10, Joshua Lehrer, 285 Redding Road, Mark Amler, contractor. To receive and discuss an application for pond restoration. Joshua Lehrer made the presentation. Silt build-up in the pond is causing it to be less functional and impedes the natural flow of water through the pond. Careful and judicious dredging of the pond will improve the flow and the quality of the water, while at the same time protecting the wildlife inhabiting the pond. The several feet of silted muck on the bottom of the pond will be hauled off-site. A temporary basin created with hay bales and impervious materials will provide a decanting area for the disturbed water to filter out the muck. Site Walk scheduled for October 15, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Referral from Zoning: 82 Laurel Lane, William Barrett (owner). Request for a special Use Permit above existing garage. No Comment as there are no wetland issues associated with this property.

Referral from Zoning: 34 Whortleberry Road, Adam Czarnik Revocable Trust. Request for Special Use Permit for an attached accessory residential apartment. No Comment as there are no wetland issues associated with this property.

Referral from Zoning: 3 Marchant Road, Connecticut Yankee Council Scouting America. (Michael Carpenter, Northeast Design & Construction, Inc (agent). Request for a Site Plan Amendment to construct a one-bedroom single-floor cabin (Campmaster Cabin). No Comment as there are no wetland issues associated with this referral.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- Discussed haying and fertilizer issues at the Couch Hill Preserve.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Met with Laurie Heiss, Chair of the Planning Commission, regarding the proposed 2028 Plan of Conservation and Development and the inclusion of the Open Space Plan for Redding.
- Discussed the mapping options for the town.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Wallace Perlman, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Alexander P Scott, Recording Secretary