



CITY OF BINGHAMTON COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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**COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
City Council WORK SESSION ROOM – Binghamton City Hall
Meeting Minutes September 19, 2024 – 1:15 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:25 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Members present-

Richard Jannaccio

Darius Bang

Eric Denk

Luke Day

Scott Lauffer

Tom Costello

Laura Bond

Members Absent-

Julian Shepherd

Ashley Seyfried

Ex-Officio Members Present

Hadassah Mativetsky – City Council president

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Josh Paludi – Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

Nick Ballard – Parks and Recreation Department

Planning Commission - unnamed

Guests

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/15/2024 MEETING

Motion to approve minutes by Richard Jannaccio, seconded by Darius Bang



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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No persons from the general public in attendance

V. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- a. a. Discussion - items 4-11 that were removed from the CAP/GHG goals summary (as noted in the 8.15.24 Draft Minutes)
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. By-laws Committee
 1. Motion to accept the Committee's recommended changes - Tom Costello, seconded by Darius Bang. Approved 7-0
 - ii. Ecotoxicology Committee
 1. The committee received a presentation by Paul Connett, PhD, Senior Science Advisor, Fluoride Action Network
 - a. Mr. Jannaccio gave a summary of the presentation
 - b. A discussion followed
 2. The Committee recommends that the City of Binghamton stop the practice of fluoridation of the public water supply and proposed that the Commission recommend the same
 - a. T. Costello recommends that we invite the following people to comment on the proposal
 - i. Superintendent of Water
 - ii. Broome County Department of Health
 - b. Chair Day will contact these parties and invite them to a future meeting
 - iii. Managed Native Gardens Task Force
 1. This task force has not met

Darius Bang left the meeting

- c. City Garbage Bags
 - i. There was a discussion about the affordability of the bags and how the City has reduced the amount of Municipal Solid Waste that it is tipping at the landfill since the bag system was implemented circa 1990
- d. New York State Association of Conservation Commissions
 - i. membership application and fee were submitted
- e. Broome County Environmental Management Council membership/commission member representative
- f. Access to City records
 - i. MSW/Recycling tonnages for 2013-2023 have been uploaded to Basecamp



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VI. Future meetings – 10.24.2024; 11.21.2024; and 12.19.2024 at 1:15 PM City Hall City Council Work Session Room

VII. Motion to adjourn by Tom Costello, second by Scott Laufler
Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 3:03.