



# CITY OF BINGHAMTON COMMISSION FOR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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**COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
City Council WORK SESSION ROOM – Binghamton City Hall  
Meeting Minutes October 24, 2024 – 1:15 P.M.**

**I. CALLED TO ORDER at 1:15 PM**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members present-**

Richard Jannaccio

Darius Bang

Scott Lauffer (by telephone)

Tom Costello

Ashley Seyfried

Julian Shepherd

Laura Bond

Luke Day

Eric Denk

**Members Absent-**

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

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Josh Paludi – Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

Nick Ballard – Parks and Recreation Department

Planning Commission - unnamed

**Guests**

Jeff Kruger, Superintendant of Water and Sewer

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 09/19/2024 MEETING**

Motion to approve minutes by Julian Shepherd, seconded by Tom Costello

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No persons from the general public were in attendance



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## V. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

### a. Committee Reports

#### i. Ecotoxicology Committee

1. The Ecotoxicology Committee brought a motion to the Commission for the Commission to recommend that the City of Binghamton stop the practice of fluoridation of the water supply.
  - a. The Superintendent of Water and Sewer was invited to comment on the proposal
  - b. Mr. Kruger stated that the City infuses approximately 13 gallons of fluoride per day while it produces approximately 4.5 million gallons of water per day. This ratio allows the fluoride to water ratio remain within the guidelines of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
  - c. Mr. Shepherd asked Mr. Janaccio to accept an amendment to the motion that the Commission would ask the City Council to look into the matter of fluoridation. The amendment was rejected
  - d. Mr. Shepherd made a motion to amend the motion that the Commission would ask the City Council to look into the matter of fluoridation. Roll call vote:
    - i. Richard Jannaccio; nay
    - ii. Darius Bang ; nay
    - iii. Scott Lauffer; abstain
    - iv. Tom Costello; aye
    - v. Ashley Seyfried; nay
    - vi. Julian Shepherd; aye
    - vii. Laurra Bond; nay
    - viii. Luke Day; aye
    - ix. Eric Denk; aye
    1. Amendment fails 4-4
  - e. Original motion is seconded by Darius Bang
  - f. Roll call vote on the motion to recommend that the City of Binghamton stop the practice of fluoridation of the water supply
    - i. Richard Jannaccio; aye
    - ii. Darius Bang ; aye
    - iii. Scott Lauffer; aye
    - iv. Tom Costello; nay
    - v. Ashley Seyfried; aye
    - vi. Julian Shepherd; nay
    - vii. Laurra Bond; aye
    - viii. Luke Day; nay
    - ix. Eric Denk; nay
    1. Motion carries 5-4



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- b. RL 24-162
    - i. Members offered comments
    - ii. Chair asked members to submit comments to the Chair
  - c. Managed Native Gardens Task Force
    - i. No report
  - d. Discussion - items 4-11 that were removed from the CAP/GHG goals summary (as noted in the 8.15.24 Draft Minutes)
  - e. New York State Association of Conservation Commissions
    - i. membership application was accepted
  - f. Broome County Environmental Management Council membership/commission member representative
    - i. Motion by Tom Costello to appoint Ashley Seyfried to represent this Commission on the Broome County Environmental Management Council; seconded by Richard Janaccio; unanimously favored

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chair Day announced the creation of an additional committee: Transportation Committee and named the following people to serve on the Transportation Committee: Julian Shepherd, Ashley Seyfried, and Luke Day.

Future meetings – 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 Julian Shepherd

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 P.M.