

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Minutes

February 29, 2016

Present: Marc Pramuk, Chair, Debbie Scranton, David Klock, Jill Burkett, Ralph Nimtz.
Call to order at 6:30. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Stone Meadow:

-Parking Area: Proceed on split rail project with help from Rotary. We can contribute \$405 and they contribute \$1000 plus labor. We will pay for stone carving with new money in July with help from the Carving Studio.

-Winter party will be postponed for lack of winter.

- Trails: Try to get high school kids to help and do all trails in one day. Move duck houses and clean out bird houses. Could use more houses. Need bat houses, too.

-Beavers: Doing considerable damage along Otter Creek. Try to get someone to live trap them and move to Wallingford Pond.

-Contact Ed Safford about operating 3 or 4 Bee hives.

Other:

-Pipes across Otter Creek is very difficult and expensive to solve. Installing a lock to raise water level might be easier and cheaper. Marc submitted for a Grant of \$2,800., but unclear on how to solve the problem.

-Bottle Redemption at Transfer Station could be a source of income, but someone would have to take bottles to Rutland for refund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 because of Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ralph Nimtz, Secretary.