

# WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2015

Present: Marc Pramuk (Chair), Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimitz. Welcome new members, Joyce & Mike McMahon. New member, Trisha Nash, could not attend. Absent: Jill Burkett, David Klock, Kate McClallen.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm. January minutes approved with no changes.

**Winter Fun Day:** A success by all accounts. Estimated attendance at 60-75 people for sliding, snowshoeing, skiing, talking, eating and enjoying a beautiful sunny day. There were several requests to hold more events in different seasons. Possibly coordinate with Recreation Committee for larger events. Food expenditure was approximately \$120.

**Stone Meadow:** A 'thank you' note was read from the Wallingford Elementary School grade 4, who had chosen spending time at Stone Meadow from among the options for the treat they had earned. They had a wonderful time sledding and playing and wanted to stay longer.

### Maintenance Projects:

- Burn or chip brush pile between Creek & Waldo Ln. Mike offered use of chipper.
- Refresh tree identification signs, trail markers.

### New Projects:

- Canoe Launch: Create rain garden for drainage from road. Provide Creek map to shown put-in's, portages and points of interest. Plant aggressive root plants along bank. Look into grant options to fund, possible use of VYCC.
- Entry/Parking Area: Rethink size of parking area, gates, landscaping and sign. Apply for AVCC grant before April 15.
- Bee Project: WCC has been accepted by a project sponsored by Resource Management/UNH that will provide topsoil and wildflower seed to us at no charge.
- Discussed planting fewer, bigger trees rather than bare root twigs. McMahon's offered young trees from their land.

### **Green Up Day, May 2:**

- Hang new sign at Rotary, hang old one at Transfer Station. Provide table and bags at each location.
- Needles have been found along town roads. Need to warn volunteers to avoid needles or anything that looks drug related and to report WCC/Town Hall.
- May 2 is also Arbor Day, money and help are available from the Vt. Urban & Community Forestry Program to conduct educational programs, host planting and trail cleanup, and possibly to deal with invasives. A stipend from them is available. We need to apply with ideas for funding by April 3. WCC members to provide ideas to Marc by Wednesday 4/1.

**Other:** Mike McMahon asked what our goals were. Are we really all about conservation or are we focused on recreation with Stone Meadow as a park? Do we take into account other Town owned lands and perhaps Class 4 roads? These could be topics for special meeting.

**Next Meeting to be April 27, 2015.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

*Respectfully submitted, Ralph Nimtz*