

# WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton (Secretary), Carol Macleod (Treasurer), Jill Burkett, Pat Stone

Guests: None

- Called to order @6:36 PM
- Approval of March Minutes
- Re-Organizational Discussion:
  - Reconfirmed meeting day/ time
  - Marc volunteered to stay on as Chair/ all approved
  - Carol volunteered to stay on as Treasurer/ all approved
  - Pat volunteered to take on Secretarial position/ all approved
  - Ralph Nimtze was volunteered to take on vice-chair/ all approved pending his acceptance. It was agreed that this position could be used to fill in for any other that missing from a meeting.
- Green Up Day:
  - Green Up Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Publicity:
    - Posters are Up – Family Dollar Store, Sal's, Post Office, Locker, Bianca's, and one will be going up at the baseball field.
    - It is in the Newsletter, and posted on the WCC Facebook page
    - Carol will list it in FPF this week and next week. The Green Up Day Committee has sent what they want said in announcements.
    - One banner will be at the transfer station as of today.
    - Sandwich boards are already at the Library, Carol will put Green balloons on them so they stand out.
  - Preparation and Coordination:
    - 2 stations will be manned from 8 am to 12 pm. Debbie, Pat and Carol will man the Library, Debbie to bring table. Marc and Jill will be at the Transfer station, Jill to bring table.
    - Everyone will bring their own chair
    - Carol will make up packets of paperwork, organize the bags and bring gloves and Stone Meadow brochures to hand out.
    - Pat will bring a tent to the Library if it looks like it will rain, Marc and Jill will duck inside the office of the transfer station.
- Update/ Next Steps on Stone Meadow Trails, Bees
  - Replace Missing Canoe launch map
  - 2 trees are down, will be addressed on work day, Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Need to install two new signs with Rules for using Stone Meadows:

- One needs to go up ASAP to prevent individuals from making more of their own bike trails/ jumps. Discussion held as to best way and place for expediency. Will try to back it with plywood and attach to the dog waste pole at the parking area. Will assess the location of the second sign at a later date.
    - Bees:
      - Will be checked on Sunday.
      - We will use some of our funds to purchase jars
    - **Work day scheduled for Sunday April 22 from 10-12**
      - Will work on trail maintenance, downed trees, and sign assembly as time permits. Please bring tools.
- **Bike Tails:**
  - As discussed at previous meeting, bike trails were created without our/ town permission. It was decided that they could remain after the fact, but it is hoped our signs will prevent any more additions.
  - Marc to contact Michelle Kenny to schedule a meeting with Recreation to discuss the bike trails. Not yet sure where or when.
- **Land Behind the fire station:**
  - Recreation is taking this on. It was decided our role will be support only as this property is not a priority for us. Rec is hoping to get VT Housing Conservation Board to cover half of the appraisal fee, and we would split the remaining half with Rec.
- **Elfin Lake 5K**
  - Sunday May 26: a discussion held about providing hot dogs, but it was decided that we would offer to provide water in cups at a midway point, and sliced oranges at the finish line.
  - We will not staff it, they must provide their own staffing. We will encourage use of the parking at Stone Meadow as a viewing area.
- **Budget Status;**
  - Currently waiting for approval for the \$187 for Green Up day signs and \$13.57 for the hardware. That leaves \$1385 remaining in or budget.
  - Donations from Marc are adding an amazing \$2765 (thank you Marc) for a total of \$4,150.
  - We are slated to lose \$1385 as of June 30 if not spent. Carol proposes anything left of it on June 29<sup>th</sup> be donated to Communication and Events, but this needs to be approved by the select board. Carol will ask Julie to put on their agenda.
  - It was suggested we purchase some plexiglass to have on hand for kiosks and brochure box repairs.
  - Some money will go to water, cups and oranges for the 5K
- **New business:**
  - Complaints about excessive dog waste: We need to figure out how to supply and post dog poop bags at Stone Meadow. We will assess on work day. Our new signs will remind everyone to clean up after their dogs.
  - Debbie mentioned that Cassie Ahearn has thanked us for the work we do at Stone Meadows. She may want to join.
- **Next meeting:**

- **May meeting falls on Memorial Day. It has been suggested we move it to May 20, one week before. This will also give us a chance to finalize our plans to help with the 5K run.**