

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2015

Present: Marc Pramuk (Acting Chair), Jill Burkett(Co Chair), Debbie Scranton, Carol Macleod, Dave Klock, Trisha Nash, Joyce & Mike McMahon, Ralph Nimtz. Guests from Tinmouth Conservation Commission: Jo Reynolds, Ann Czar, Doug Fontaine
Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm. March minutes approved.

Discussion about TCC efforts and exchange of ideas. They have been active 5 years or so, mostly establishing trails.

Stone Meadow Maintenance Projects:

- Mike is reducing the brush pile by the Canoe Launch
- Refresh tree identification signs, trail markers, trail work.
- Relocate stone and sure-pack in front of gate.
- Plexiglass is installed on back of the Meadow kiosk. Posters and info can be displayed.
- Next work day May 17, 10-12

Green Up Day, May 2:

- Signs are hung at Rotary and at the Transfer Station. Meet at Rotary at 8:30. Tables and bags at each location.
- 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 invasive species. A stipend from them is available. Delay activities until Memorial Day or week after when leaves are out. Trish reported that the Recreation Committee is planning the construction of a pavilion at the Beach with an opening ceremony and perhaps we could combine events.

New Projects:

- Canoe Launch: Create rain garden for drainage from road. Marc created a Creek map to show put-in's, portages and points of interest. Ralph will print, laminate and mount on plaque. Plant aggressive root plants along bank. Investigate constructing a path around exposed water pipe at the old bridge site. Look into grant options to fund, possible use of VYCC.
- Entry/Parking Area: Rethink size of parking area, gates, landscaping and sign. John McClallen offered tractor help and suggested utility pole fence. Discussed accessories at the parking area, such as trash receptacle, bike rack and dog bag and waste receptacle.
- 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 plus instruction by an expert. Perhaps the gravelly area in front of the parking area would be a good location.

- Need expert to remove dangerous partially down tree near the beach at Bog trail entrance. Perhaps as part of Pavilion project.
- Discussed planting fewer, bigger trees rather than bare root twigs.

Financial: Approximately \$162. left in our account.

Other: Next Meeting to be May 25. 2015. Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Nimtz