

# WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2019

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

Guests: Clare Bornarth

1. Called to order @6:3 PM.
2. Approval of April Minutes (no May meeting)
3. Additions/ Deletions to the Agenda
4. Public Comments:
  - Welcomed Clare Bornarth who is interested in helping the commission if needed, and members of the commission encourage her to attend meetings whenever she was able.
5. Elfin Lake 5K Recap:
  - There were approximately 118 participants, maybe another 20-30 spectators. It was over by 11:15 AM.
  - It was well received, and the planning was fantastic. Carol has already sent a letter of commendation to the Recreation department to that effect.
  - Kelly sent us a thank you note.
6. Wallingford Day Preparations:
  - Wallingford day is July 20. It is to take place from 11-4 at the Rec ball field and Stone Meadows Fields.
  - We will arrive at 11:00 and set up 2 tents at Stone Meadows near the parking lot/ picnic table across from the ball fields; one for food and one for information/ brochures/ and scavenger hunt details. Marc will ask the State for laminated track cards to distribute as prizes.
  - We will set up 2 grills and sell plates of hot dogs, potato chips, and cookies with lemonade for \$3.00. (while it lasts!) Carol will let the Wallingford Day committee know about the details as they were not in the newsletter yet.
7. Update/ Next steps on Sone Meadow Trails:
  - Need a clean up day before Wallingford day – July 14, 10:00. Bring loppers, clippers, weed wackers. Rain date may be the Saturday before if weather looks iffy for Sunday.
  - The removal of poisonous parsnip was discussed. It was decided that it cannot wait until July 14, so it was asked that all try to work on this during evenings (best time to work on PP) this week or next.
  - New Canoe map will have to be posted at the boat launch.
  - We do need to erect the new dog poop station

8. Bike trails:

- Someone posted a new sign on the dog poop station stating that trails were to be used by hikers and bikers. It is not our sign and is thought that such encouragement to bikers might erode the trails. Ralph will take a picture of the sign and send to Sandy for the select board to see.
- When we erect the new dog poop bag station that sign will come down.

9. Budget Status:

- The new budget starts on July 1. We will get \$2500 from the town/ augmented by the \$2500 in donation by the Vermont Country store courtesy of Marc.
- A transfer of funds for \$918.56 will take place at the end of this month as our donation to the Events and Communication Committee for the newsletter.

10. Other old business:

- Carol noted that the Stone Meadow Park Habitat Management Plan calls for the removal of 20 tall trees to make room for smaller vegetation as an encouragement for wildlife. Ralph suggested that we do 2-3 trees at a time. We will assess the situation during the clean up day. If we can remove them ourselves, we will, otherwise we will have local arborists do it. Removal of invasive species will have to be addressed before the canopy is opened up with tree removal.

11. New Business: None

12. Adjourn

Next Meeting is Monday July 22