

## WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes from Meeting

June 27, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm, Monday, 6/27/16. Present were Marc Pramuk, Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton and Jillian Burkett.

Minutes from May meeting were unanimously approved.

1. New guidelines for holding meetings electronically were briefly discussed. Marc has a copy of guidelines.
2. Recap of Community Day. Approximately 125-150 people attended. All went well. Kyle Mason, Arborist/Forester, lead trail tours which approximately 25 people enjoyed. To thank him for his time the Town has given Kyle and his family a free pass to the beach for this season. Extra scavenger hunt papers were put in the kiosks and at the Library. We hope to make this a yearly event.
3. Bee Project. The \$450 has not yet been received for our "tiny grant" from AVCC. Marc met with the lawyer for Vermont Cities and Towns. He recommends installing signage informing the public that there are bee hives in the area and installing fencing around the bee hive area. We would also like to install solar power for fencing to keep out raccoons, skunks, etc. Pricing of solar installation will be determined. Once installed, the bees should produce a lot of honey. WCC needs to study regulations regarding possible sale of honey. The League of Cities and Towns want to view actual siting area once it is determined and before installation. Kyle Mason thought the SW corner of the meadow below Dr. Upton's bench would be a good area for installation. Hives will be installed in the Spring but WCC needs to order the bees by Christmas.
4. Composting Workshops. Marc and Carol attended the most recent workshop at the Rutland Library. It was an interesting roundtable presentation with representation by RCSWD and State of Vermont Dept. of Natural Resources. There are currently no Town Transfer Stations in Vermont that actually compost on site. Bennington is just beginning.
5. Future ideas for speakers. Talks on invasive species, home composting, food to animals (farms). Debbie will contact UVM Extension for possible speakers in our area.
6. Stone Meadow recent accomplishments. Thanks to the great work of the Road Crew a new overflow parking area was created across from the current parking

area on Waldo Lane, the large stones in the parking area were shifted to give a more aesthetically pleasing presentation, the large parking area was graded and surepack was delivered. WCC work day held on 6/19 was busy and productive. The centerpiece boulder was realigned and, hopefully, will be carved with "Stone Meadow" sometime this summer. Ralph is checking with the Carving Studio for cost of carving and timeline. We would also extend thanks to John MacLellan for his continued work at Stone Meadow. He was instrumental in moving surepack, topsoil and realignment of center stone at Waldo Lane parking area. The bottom of the Rim Trail was connected to the parking area with a surepack pathway. Top soil and wildflower seeds were put in area in front of split rail fence. It is hoped to put top soil and wildflower seeds in back of the fence next Spring. Marc removed poison ivy on Rim Trail.

7. Action Steps required at Stone Meadow:
  - a. Find out cost of carving.
  - b. WORK DAY TUESDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30. Trim and rake Rim Trail, ADA trail and Buzzards Roost, site bee hive area, look at potential dog park
  - c. Review Stone Meadow brochure and Wallingford Walks for additions/corrections and reorder.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next Meeting is 7/25, 6:30 pm Town Hall.

Approved: 07/26/16