

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015

Present: Marc Pramuk (meeting chair), Jill Burkett, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz. Call to order at 6:40 pm. Recorder memory was full. Minutes of previous month were approved.

Vandalism: - Stolen bench has not been found.
-Kiosk has been hit with paint balls, rocks and there are two bullet holes. We do have an extra piece of plexiglass to replace the shattered piece. Ralph will replace.
-Wheelchair accessible sign has been stolen at the top of that trail.
-It was suggested that we carry \$250 in our next budget to cover replacement costs for vandalism.

Maintenance: -A tree is down across the Beach Trail just below where it joins the Beach Road. Marc will dispatch. This trail has frequent use after the Beach Road is closed. It was noted that the tennis courts are in bad shape and need maintenance. There was discussion on whether any extra money from the Pavilion should go to that purpose vs. moving the gate on the Beach Rd. to Rte 140.

Waldo Lane Parking Area: Donald Glendenning of Rotary and WCC have combined efforts to submit for a grant to improve the parking area. The final design included regrading, a zig-zag split rail fence and a large stone with "Stone Meadow" carved into it. Additional landscaping might include some birch clumps and crab apple trees.

Canoe Trail: -The water line across Otter Creek is exposed about one foot above the water thereby obstructing canoe/kayak travel. It is not known if, in fact, if it is still active or who it might serve. Certainly it freezes in the winter unless it has a blow-off to run continuously. It is also in a precarious position for trees or ice floating down the Creek. It seems as though the line should be lowered or perhaps replaced with a well to serve a couple houses. It might fall into the category of a project funded by a "Transportation Grant". WCC to investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ralph Nimtz, Secretary

