

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Minutes*

***These are unofficial Minutes subject to the approval at the next regular meeting.**

June 23, 2014

Present: Carol Macleod, Marc Pramuk (co-chairs), Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimtzt (secretary)

1. Call to order @ 6:40.
2. May minutes were approved, except Debbie worked on the Rain Garden and Bog Trail rather than the Buzzard's Roost. Also, she does not have time to research the Dog Park idea.
3. Work days this month included June 1, 5 and 22. In early June, Marc sawed up the downed trees by the gate, cleared the canoe trail and stacked the brush across the road with Dave's help. Carol weed-whacked the Accessible Trail edges while Debbie weeded the Rain Garden. At the last one Marc & Greg set the other gate post and Ralph & Carol weed-whacked the Rim & cross meadow trails. Marc will ask Julie to see if the Road Crew can move the large rocks to the sides of the gate.
4. Trash & littering continues to be a problem. Marc picks up nearly every day. We will investigate getting a trash barrel with a sign posting the \$500. fine. It seems to be mostly the same people with similar discarded items.
5. Kayak/Canoe launch was discussed. Marc suggested a low impact approach by hand digging a slope down to the water with some locust logs stepping down and anchored with stakes. We are not sure of permits, but Marc will ask the Selectboard for guidance. Ralph will build a bench to chain to the tree.
6. Dog Park was again discussed. Our survey at the last Town Meeting revealed it as the most popular item that people would like

to see. Marc will approach the Selectboard with some thoughts as to why it should be considered and perhaps start a dialogue.

7. Signage: The new kiosk maps should be ready in early July. We need to take better care of our tree identification signs and maybe replace and expand. Perhaps put a person in charge.
8. Green-up Day. We need a new banner and to contact Rotary for mounting possibilities.
9. AVCC: Agreed to join Vermont Conservation Commissions for \$50.
10. Work days: Thur. 6/26/14 @ 6:00 to pull poison parsnip. Thur. July 10 @ 5:30 and Sun. July 20, 10-12:00
11. Next Meeting July 28th at 6:30.

Adjourned @ 7:40

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Nimitz