

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of **May 25, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Attending: Marc Pramuk, chair, Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Joyce & Michael McMahon, Dave Klock, Ralph Nimtz. Guest: Gary Erickson

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Agenda:

Green up Day: 181 bags were passed out to 127 volunteers. The count was up about 20%. The sign and table at the Transfer Station seemed to make people more aware. The new banner placed at Rotary Bldg. failed in that the painted surface cracked and the message was only on one side. All agreed that advanced warning was a good idea and prizes were not. It is viewed as "good will" toward our community.

Stone Meadow Work Day: David Poro showed up with a lawn tractor to help out. John McClallen came, but had to leave for a religious commitment. He suggested we might alter our Sunday morning schedule for work days. Marc, Greg, Dave and Ralph installed signs and bench at the Canoe Launch while Debbie and Carol weeded the rain garden by the beach. Dave mowed the trail and hauled with his tractor. Someone has entered the park through the Phillips property by driving down the steep hill, ripping around and then back up the hill tearing up the sod and creating potential erosion. Surveillance cameras were again suggested.

Next work day will be 6/7/15. Time to be determined.

Other Stone Meadow: The Bee project is projected to be at the end of June. Topsoil and wildflowers will be added, hopefully at two locations. A grand opening for the Canoe Trail and perhaps the new Beach Pavilion will be scheduled in June. Perhaps these could be combined with speakers and events. New projects will be the canoe portage at the old bridge site, installing bat houses and redesign of the parking area and new sign. Dog waste bag dispenser was discussed as well as acquiring a trash barrel.

Transfer Station: As of July 1, the Town will have to accept yard waste at the Transfer Station and then later food waste. Much discussion about the WCC offering to help the SelectBoard make this a successful project.

Old Trails & Roads: Discussion on what WCC can do in the preservation or what standards apply in the modification of these ancient corridors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Nimtz, Secretary.

Approved: 06/22/15