

# WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2015

**Present:** Marc Pramuk, chair, Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Dave Klock, Ralph Nimtz. Call to order at 6:43. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

**Films & Promotion:** Lost Bird film was a success. Twenty five people attended and had positive comments. Thank you to the Library for letting us show the film and for their assistance in setting up. Discussed future showings, perhaps 4 or 5 per year. Maybe an occasional film at the Town Hall auditorium with big screen and projector. Marc gave a presentation about Stone Meadow to the Rotarians. They were very enthusiastic and renewed their pledge to help us with the split rail fence in the spring. We will try for presentations on recycling and composting in the spring.

**Projects:** WCC planted 8 new trees in front of the parking area on two separate work mornings. Thank you to the Road Crew for helping in digging the holes. We have a bee person who would like to set up a few hives in the meadow in the spring. A likely place might be the small group of trees south of the Accessible Trail. Marc will submit a preliminary application to the Recreation Trails Program for a Grant to lower the exposed pipe across Otter Creek on Waldo Lane for the continuance of the Canoe Trail. Ralph will follow up with the Carving Studio for our sign to be sandblasted in a large boulder.

**Winter Fun Day:** Last year's activities were so popular that we have to do it again and probably every year. There was some discussion of having it at the beach and using the Pavilion as a shelter. Sliding might be at the Upton Bench hill, although surely some will prefer the hill by the parking area.

**Work Day:** Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to tidy-up around the newly planted trees at the parking area.

**Miscellaneous:** We agreed to write a letter addressing the slashing of trees along the railroad tracks in the Village by Vermont Railroad. It looks as if a tornado went through, leaving brush and crippled trees in a very haphazard way. We will run it by the Selectboard. Also, we may go to South Wallingford to see the proposed 150KW solar farm. Do we have a role in evaluating the siting of such proposals? Consider election of officers in the near future.

**Financial:** Carol said we have \$133. credit at Otter Valley Supply. We reviewed our budget breakdown and discussed the 2016-2017 budget request and our rational for its increase, to be submitted to the Selectboard for review and approval.

Adjourned meeting at 7:50

Respectfully submitted by Ralph Nimtz, Secretary