

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2019

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimitz, Pat Stone, Jill Burkett, and we welcome new Member, Jane Quigley!

Guests: Shannon Pytlik, Phil Baker

Called to order @ 6:34PM, November 26, 2018 minutes approved. Public comments below

Municipal Water Pipes on Otter Creek impacting canoeing/kayaking

Phil Baker explained that he had laid the water pipes (2 pipes within one sleeve, with the other an older line not in use) which serve only 1-2 households on the westerly side of the Otter Creek, and was an expensive and extensive job, and would not be feasible to re-do so the pipes would be lowered for water not to freeze and for recreation use. Phil said it would make more sense for 1-2 individual wells to be drilled for year around water.

WCC said it would look into river transportation grants to remove or fix this pipe impediment.

Unimproved Land for Sale west of the Firehouse

Kevin Brown has land for sale for \$5000, which is has no access, being surrounded by Otter Creek, Roaring Brook, railroad right-of-way, and private property. Shannon Pytlik presented the case that purchase of this property would be a recreational asset due to its proximity to the recreational field, and Stone Meadow. The parcel would need access, likely from installation of a pedestrian bridge over the high flow height of Roaring Brook. Neither the town nor the fire district is interested in this land. We discussed different means of acquisition, from establishing a non-profit for funding. Extensive work is needed to reclaim the natural vegetation and eliminate the invasive plants for a future public area for fishing and swimming, as well as determining access.

Stone Meadow Update

All three hives appear to be wintering well.

We viewed the two new signs to be placed at Stone Meadow, and were very pleased.

We will check out the trails (remove downed tree on Rim Trail), install signs on Fun Day

Fun Day, Sunday February 17 12-2 (inclement weather date is February 24)

We'll have hot dogs, drinks, marshmallows, to compliment sledding, other outdoor activities

Jill (grill, hot dogs and rolls, sandwich board for sign by library)

Pat (table)

Carol (major grocery shop of hot chocolate, cider, chips, condiments, graham crackers, chocolate,

Water, whatever else)

Marc (fire pit, wood, skewers)

Ralph (onions)

Debbie (grill, big table, pot and ladle, all dry goods, some toys for kids, sign by library)

Set up will be 11-11:30. Bring extra chairs, too. And garbage bags!!

Budget:

Will be up-dated after Fun Day

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM , Next meeting is Monday, February 25, 2019, at 6:30 at Town Hall

Submitted by Debbie Scranton