

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimtz, Jill Burkett, Jane Quigley

Guests: Maria French, Kelly Dilonna, Shannon and Steve Pytlik and family, Bastian Auer

Called to order @ 6:34PM, January 28, 2019 minutes approved (February 25 meeting cancelled due to weather)
We had our guests speak first before following the Agenda.

Shannon and Steve Pytlik (and Children)

Bike trails and pedestrian trails at Stone Meadow. Professional signs made for safety. We will be Meeting with the Recreation Committee in spring to inspect the site, determine if trails need to be Moved, times of year appropriate for usage for safety and maintenance of trails. Kids could be helpful In trail maintenance. Perhaps there could be a beginner's bike area.

VT River Conservancy will be applying for funding and maintenance of the land and river locked area Behind the Firehouse, with an appraisal needed for public funding. VT Housing Conservation Board would cover Half of the appraisal. The WCC could offer to pay ½ of the remaining appraisal fee split with the Rec. Comm. Current asking price of the Brown property is \$7000. Bastian would like the area cleared, conserved, used For recreation (trails, fishing, swimming) 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.

Maria French for the Wallingford Events Committee

Wallingford Day is to be resurrected on July 20. In town, at the recreation area, and at Stone Meadow where The WCC could offer guided trail walks, scavenger hunt, table of info and hot dog BBQ. Fireworks at night.

Kelly Dilonna for the Memorial Day 5 K

Sunday, May 26 running on Waldo Lane, Stone Meadow with no parking at Stone Meadow which would Be a viewing area. Concerns are the foot bridge being slippery when wet, food truck (Jill will check), perhaps The WCC having a water station.

Re-Organization, Annual Election of Chairs and Officers (Postponed until next month for Carol, Pat to return)

Budget:

\$1000 from Vermont Country Store for Marc Pramuk's donation of work at Stone Meadow!

Green Up Day

Will have Green Screen do signs for sandwich boards at library. Catherine MacLaughlin of the Energy Comm. will hand out recyclable bags at the transfer station.

New Business:

Tabled Forest Management Plan, will schedule work day, and trail meeting with Rec. Comm., and Moving bird houses

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM , Next meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:30 at Town Hall

Submitted by Debbie Scranton