

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting minutes – March 26, 2018

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz, Erica Berner, Jill Burkett
Guests: None

Called to order @ 6:35. Approval of February 26, 2018 minutes, no public comments

Welcome to New Members Erica Berner, (not present: Pat Stone)

Bee project:

Electric fencing is not properly grounded, will fix when ground is thawed.
Two colonies are ordered for pick-up in April. Hives blow-torched by Marc to clean.
Marc has a complete new hive, and swarm box for possible 3rd hive if one swarms.
Possible honey harvest in April or May, main harvest in August or September

Forest Management Plan

For several grants, a forest management planned is needed.
We do not need a full plan, as there will be no logging, etc., but a simplified plan.
Kathy Beland will be contacted end of April for a walk-through of Stone Meadow.

Project Ideas for Stone Meadow:

Repair of kiosk from bullet hole (Marc & Ralph), and will need an updated map
Rubbermaid trash barrel(s), recyclable plastic bags, for dog clean-up
Move duck boxes, clear out birdhouses
Bee prep if ground not frozen
Possibilities for a picnic table near Waldo Lane

Green Up Day

Will continue to distribute bags at both the Rotary building, and transfer station
We'll hang the banners at Rotary, Marc has list for publicity, Jill will bring gloves

Budget:

Marc submitting volunteer house for Jan-March (\$280), plus \$500 for 2017 bonus hrs
With a \$1,500 budget, roughly \$500 remaining, total of \$895 in-kind from VCS,
we'll have roughly \$3000 in July for the next year, sufficient for shed, bees, etc.

Shed:

Shed for WCC tool and bee supplies: Discussion of ready-made delivered sheds versus
sheds we make. Members to research options.
This area lost the town sign posted on the large pole which had the rules, including
dogs being on leash, no guns nor motorized vehicles allowed. Would like to re-post at
new trash barrels 8.5" x 11" as Ralph photographed the original sign.

Old Business:

Marc contacted Robery Hyams AVCC board on our work for the annual summit (9/29).
Contacted CJ Lammers, Conway Graduate Program in Sustainable Landscape Planning
and Design as a potential project for Stone Meadow, tabled due to expense.
Next winter we could have a Wildlife Tracking Seminar with park specialist Ed Sharron

Work day Sunday, April 8 at 10 AM, parking lot on Waldo Lane

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Next meeting is Monday, April 23, at 6:30 at Town Hall

Submitted by Debbie Scranton

Approved: April 23, 2018

