

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Draft Minutes

Meeting minutes – April 23, 2018

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz, Pat Stone, Jill Burkett
Guests: Don Stone

Called to order @ 6:35. Approval of March 28, 2018 minutes, no public comments

Welcome to New Members: Pat Stone

Bee project:

Electric fencing grounding to be fixed at next work day.

Two nucleus colonies arrived last Saturday, 10,000-15,000 in each hive, receiving sugar water, pollen patty for initial food. Bees active and flying, with both queens marked.

Marc will make swarm boxes for the meadow, for 3rd hive if swarming.

Future honey harvest will be sold, processed or raw honey, comb, even wax.

Forest Management Plan

Kathy Beland led a walk-through of Stone Meadow on April 18. Impressed with diversity, she thinks we should keep the meadow from being encroached upon, especially with invasives like abundant honeysuckles.

She recommended Steve Hagenbuch (VT Audubon, conservationist, forester) for advice on habitat, with a walk open to the Wallingford public, walk scheduled for Thursday, May 10, at 8:30 AM. (Will post locally and on Front Porch Forum)

Update on the Shed for Tool Storage and Bee Equipment:

A 10' x 10' storage shed was purchased from Mike's Country Store for \$1675.

Initial site prepared last work day, surpac to be moved and leveled by John McClallen from existing piles. John's volunteerism will be rewarded with a gift certificate.

Shed delivery scheduled for Thursday, April 26. Marc has many tools to donate. Ralph Will get a bulletproof combination lock.

Green Up Day, May 5:

Will continue to distribute bags at both the Rotary building, and transfer station
Banner hung at Rotary, Marc will hang at transfer station. Carol will bring gloves.

Local publicity, plus Carol hung 5 posters. Carol will make sign-up sheets.

Carol and Pat will be at Rotary, Marc and Ralph at Transfer. Will have brochures

Marc, Carol will take down banners, distribute info on hazardous waste.

Stone Meadow Maintenance:

Repair of kiosk from bullet hole (Marc and Ralph), and will need an updated map

Rubbermaid trash barrel(s), recyclable plastic bags, for dog clean-up. Sign needed?

Add new duck box, invasives removal (start on Buckthorn by Upton Bench)

Budget:

Cost of shed \$1675, conflicting financials from town that Carol will check, but either Have \$1331 or \$331 until new budget of \$1500 on July 1. In-kind volunteerism for Marc From the VCS so far this has \$500 & \$285, which can be submitted monthly. Will need new brochures. Jill said Kevin Mullin knows there is grant money for bees on Jump On It, and provided sample containers for honeycomb. Discussed possibility for processing and filtering equipment for honey, solar powered at shed.

Work day Sunday, April 29 at 10 AM, parking lot on Waldo Lane Bring chain saws, saws, nippers, tools for electric fence grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next meeting is Monday, May 28, at 6:30 at Town Hall

Submitted by Debbie Scranton