

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Approved Meeting minutes – May 29, 2018

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Debbie Scranton, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz

Guests: None

Called to order @ 6:35. Approval of April 23, 2018 minutes, no public comments

Green Up Day, May 5:

196 bags distributed to 150 people, record number, best turn-out in 10 years!
Rotary had not been officially asked, Carol wrote a letter of apology to Rotary.
So many conflicts with Rotary activities, might seek new location next year

Shed Installation Up-Date

Shed successfully installed, key broken in lock, but combination lock still works
Interior has Green-Up posters, state tree ID poster, Rachel Carson quote
Need to stop some critters (rabbits?) from nibbling the bottom of the shed

Forest Management Plan

Steve Hagenbuch (VT Audubon, conservationist, forester) gave advice on habitat, with a walk open to the Wallingford public, Thursday, May 10, at 8:30 AM.
We have not heard back from Steve Hagenbuch.

Bee project:

Electric fencing grounding to be fixed at next work day.
Two initial nucleus colonies, with a lost queen replaced, and a third colony added.
Honey extractor needed. Last year Kevin Mullin extracted honey for half of the honey.
David Baasch would loan an extractor, or could look into buying one at TSC.
Marc suited up a family to observe bees at close hand. WCC will do that, too.
We should make a pamphlet on the bees. Marc posts on FaceBook.
Future honey harvest will be sold, processed or raw honey, comb, even wax.
Estimated 40-75 pounds honey from each, selling 8 oz. bottles @ \$5

Stone Meadow Update

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?
Marc and Ralph removed a fallen tree on ADA trail, billed volunteer time to VSC
Nature camera captured an opossum for the first time. Carol couldn't locate snapping
Turtle nest on Rim Trail to protect it.

Budget:

\$113.85 currently, with immediate expenses in reprinting maps, bird boxes

New Business:

Staging a community event at Lake Elfin, with barbeque, trail walks, Scavenger Hunt,
Bee Hive tours, footprint identification from state, to be determined
Julie put information on canoe/kayak launch in the local newsletter
VCRD community visit's three main findings, one of which is connecting multi-use trails,
might dove-tail with our trail system.
The rec field only half owned by town, southern portion leased from FD #1.

Work day Sunday, June 10 at 10 AM, parking lot on Waldo Lane Bring saws, nippers, tools for
electric fence grounds. Clear invasives from meadow, rim trail, repair kiosk, perhaps
install dog poop trash barrel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM
Submitted by Debbie Scranton

Next meeting is Monday, June 25, at 6:30 at Town Hall