

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Minutes

Meeting minutes – June 25, 2018

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

Guests: None

Called to order @ 6:39. Approval of May 29, 2018 minutes

Bee project:

Electric fencing grounding to be fixed at next work day. Unit may be defective.
There appears to be three active colonies, inspected every 2-3 weeks, new queen
In newest hive. Additional frames added.
\$10 was paid to the Apiary Inspector for our license.

Forest Management Plan

Steve Hagenbuch (VT Audubon, conservationist, forester) will have a written Habitat Assessment Report to us by late summer.

Marc will send us the app to create a forest management plan on our own.

Poisonous parsnips are popping up precipitously in the meadow.

Stone Meadow Update

Repair of kiosk from bullet hole (Marc and Ralph), with updated map (Ralph)

Two trash barrels, recyclable plastic bags for dog clean-up installed at last work day and are being used. Handicapped trail has been week whacked, and lopped, saplings in meadow cut down.

Nature camera documents varied wildlife, and there is a snapping turtle nest by the ballfield side of the bridge.

Budget:

\$420 from VCS for Marc's volunteerism in April, May. Selectman Tifft donated his \$1000 Stipend from the town for kiosk repair and the shed.

Currently \$1920.60 for 2017/18 budget, with additional town's \$3000 on July 1.

Community Visit:

Staging a community event at Lake Elfin, with barbeque, trail walks, Scavenger Hunt, Bee Hive tours, footprint identification from state, to be determined

Information on canoe/kayak launch on Front Porch Forum.

VCRD community visit's three main findings, one of which is connecting multi-use trails, might dove-tail with our trail system. Possibilities of trail connections, signage, events like a triathlon, bike race, connect canoe launch to South Wallingford.

Work day Saturday, June 30 at 9 AM, parking lot on Waldo Lane

Check electric fence, suit up to inspect bees. Clear invasives from meadow, repair kiosk, Check snapping turtle nest. Taraskas have donated a picnic table if we can locate a truck to transport it to Stone Meadow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Debbie Scranton

Minutes approved: 08/27/18

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