

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2017

Present: Marc Pramuk, chair, Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimitz, recorder.

Called to order @ 6:38 pm. Minutes of May 22 were approved with the addition of Carolyn Sloan as a volunteer for the Bee Project.

Bee Project:

-Perimeter posts have been installed to secure electric fence and solar panel. Gravel has been installed under the fence half way around. New hive arriving at the end of July. Bees are busy! Install bee warning signs.

Work Day:

- July 4, 10-12:00 am. Carol and Ralph will weed whack Meadow trails, Marc and Debbie will install wire around posts at Bee Farm. Note that fence will not injure or kill, but will sting as a deterrent.
- (3) trees were planted last work day and wildflowers trimmed. Trees need to be mulched to hold moisture in gravelly soil. Discussed raising fence to be more visible.
- Two new benches were installed, one near the well head looking west and one on the Fisherman's Elbow with view of the Lake. They were chained to trees to discourage vandalism, but still need to be leveled.
- No response for help from Mill River HS volunteer program for the last 3 years. Need to reach out to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps again.
- Marc is an employee of Vermont Country Store and he has *applied* for reimbursement for my volunteer time with VCS, approval is pending. VCS is holding their annual 'town meeting' at the Lodge July 25 and have been invited to a guided walk along our trails.
- Moving tool shed from Macleod's may not be feasible. Perhaps we should build one.

Other:

- Debbie suggested we try for a stargazing event at the Meadow.
- Marc will lead a group of Vermont Country Store employees around Stone Meadow while they are meeting at the Wallingford Lodge on July 25th.
- The 2nd hive is due to arrive early-July (possibly this Friday) so we should be able to check them on our 7/4 work day

- We will be registering our hives with the State of VT, and having a follow up visit from the Vt League of Cities & Towns
- 2 downed trees were cleared from ADA trail last work day

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.