

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Approved Meeting minutes – September 24, 2018

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

Guests: Lisa Taggart and Leighton Thayer (Dog Park), Chris Heintz (Multi-Use Trails)

Called to order @ 6:34 August 27, 2018 minutes approved

Public Comments:

Lisa Taggart and Leighton Thayer are interested in developing a dog park which the WCC supports. Discussed were the physical size and construction, liability issues, The need for fund-raising and development of a long term volunteer board, etc. The WCC felt that Stone Meadow has been developed for conservation, nature Habitat and quiet sports to promote wildlife and would be difficult to fence due to The hard packed gravel base. Suggestions were to pursue town and fire district lands On the recreation area side of Otter Creek which might be more compatible, offer more Parking, and be much easier to develop.

Chris Heintz is interested in developing a rail-trail type system of multi-use, but particularly biking, trails, but railroad is active. Ideas for connection of National Forest Trails through easements (White Rocks, Little Rock Pond, Otter Creek), and biking from Rutland to Manchester. WCC would be willing to sponsor his plans when developed.

Bee project:

There appears to be three colonies, with only one doing well with both lots of honey and a brood. There are only likely 12 jars worth of honey, but we plan to leave the Honey to help the bees survive the upcoming predicted harsh winter.

Stone Meadow Update

Repair of kiosk from bullet hole, with new maps and photos, installed on work day, As well as clearing trails, including use of the new WCC's string trimmer on wheels. Still need a new brochure holder, and another downed tree cleared.

Water Pipes on Otter Creek impacting canoeing

Tabled as Ralph Nimitz was not in attendance.

Budget:

The WCC has received \$420 from VT Country Store for Marc's volunteer hours, and Will be receiving \$360 more in September.

Old Business:

Marc led 8 people on Stone Meadow trails on Sept. 8 for "100 miles in 100 days" Carol has two donated sandwich boards, and we'll need to construct placards for Green-Up Day in May. Carol sent the letter of request to use the front yard of the Library for Green-Up Day to the Board of Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM
Submitted by Debbie Scranton

Next meeting is Monday, October 22, at 6:30 at Town Hall