

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016

Present: Marc Pramuk, Chair, Debbie Scranton, Dave Klock, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimitz

Called to order @ 6:30. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Stone Carving: Kerry has completed the word "STONE" and everyone approved although she cautioned that there might be some flaking off over time. The option of a smooth slate carving was suggested, but it seemed too polished in this application. She will be back this week to continue and will confirm the date.

Parking Area: Pulled invasive Velvetleaf and will continue with selective pulling next summer. One clump birch tree is obviously dead and will need a replacement. Need to wait until spring to see what survives. Plant bee friendly new plants. Hopefully, John McClallen can mow 1/3 of the Meadow adjacent to the parking area this fall. Another third will need to be mowed every fall.

Bee Project: David Baasch is knowledgeable about bees and may be willing to help. Note that hives must be registered with the State with a fee of \$10 annually.

Work Day: Sunday morning Oct. 2nd from 10-12. Bring loppers, snippers and whackers. Clear areas for pallets to set bee hives on. Clear downed trees on Buzzard's Roost and the Accessible Trail.

Financial: We have \$1,485 in our account - \$50 will go to AVCC dues, \$450 for bee project, \$500(?) for Stone Carving and \$150 for winter party.

Land @ Twin Bridges: It is important to protect these narrow wetlands for habitat, food source and as a flood plain. It does not appear to be suitable for development. If WCC could control, we could create a canoe portage around the pipes and manage the area. Perhaps investigate possible grant. Consult with Shannon Pytlik.

Beaver: Beavers are building a dam about 100 yds. south of the canoe launch. Assuming someone doesn't have to kill them, it would be interesting to see this continue, but we are unsure of the consequences. Again, consult Shannon.

Programs: Vermont Community Garden Network, \$35. AVCC Conservation Summit on the 22nd in Fairlee and Composting Forum @ College of St. Joseph, Oct. 4, Vt. Woodlands Assoc. Contact Marc for details.

Meeting Adjourned 7:28. Submitted by Ralph Nimitz

