

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting minutes – October 23, 2017

Present: Mark Pramuk (chair), Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Jillian Burkett, Ralph Nimitz

Called to order @ 6:53. Approval of September 25, 2017 minutes, no public comments

Bee project:

Both colonies have merged and continue to do well
Kevin Mullin stopped by with the case of jars, 16 full of honey
Marc designed labels to affix to jars, after which the jars will
Be brought to the town office for sale @ \$5
Insulated hive wrap to install in late October, early November

Stone Meadow Trails:

Jill mowed the trails to widen them
Carol will get fertilizer spikes for new trees
On October 20, state biologist from ANR, Travis Hart, lead a three hour walk in

Stone Meadow, noting the diversity of habitat, but invasive plants are a problem. Some we can confine in a wooded area, some we can weed and contain like in the bog area, and the area like the ADA trail we can apply for grant funding by first having a 'Forest Management Plan' developed for roughly \$785 which Marc's VCC volunteering may cover, and after which we can develop a five or ten year plan.

Vermont Coverts Cooperative Training Summary Marc said 2.5 day workshop excellent.

Budget:

Balance in Town account is \$1122, projecting upcoming expenses next year of brochures, mowing, AVCC membership, winter party, new bee colonies, Forest Management Plan, shed for supplies at Stone Meadow, Skakel plaque

Work Day:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 11:00 (Rain Date is Sunday, November 5 at 11:00)

We'll be having hot dogs and cider, and we'll make work fun!!
Spouses invited, too.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting is November 27 at 6:30 at Town Hall

Submitted by Debbie Scranton