

Wallingford Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 24, 2014

Present: Marc Pramuk, chair, Jill Burkett, chair, Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimitz

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm. Recorder was full. Previous minutes were approved.

Stone Meadow update:

Work day 11/9/14: installed canoe launch warning sign, Greg and Carol removed (2) downed trees on the Accessible Trail, Marc and Ralph cleaned nest boxes, Dave picked litter.

Future Projects:

- build additional nest boxes (possibly w/Mill River Students)
- opening ceremony for canoe launch in the spring
- install river map sign, a sign-in sheet and bench at canoe launch, clear portage path at the old dam
- construct rain garden at canoe launch for road runoff (possible grant?)
- install trash can at parking area.
- study to level out and landscape parking area with a new large welcome sign (possible grant?)
- finish sur-pak gravel on accessible trail
- install plexiglass door on back side of kiosks for informational material

Other Projects:

- revive dog park idea (many requests)
- conduct mural contest for kids
- organize Youth Conservation Group to involve area youth. Contact area Scouts, 4-H, etc. for assistance (see Rob Carey)
- build kiosk at recreation area to share with recreation committee, utilize back side of kiosk for display w/doors to post police phone numbers or people to call to report vandalism and other information

Budget Planning & Discussion: Current annual budget is \$1,000. Need additional every 3 yrs to print maps and brochures. We have a \$200 credit at Otter Valley Supply

Winter Party: Feb. 15, Sunday from noon to 2:00 for hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows. Final planning meeting on Feb. 9th. Inquire about skating and bonfire.

Marc submitted a draft of our contribution to the Town Report.

Next meeting to be Jan. 12, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 7:54.

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Nimitz