

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Draft Minutes

Meeting minutes – November 27, 2017

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

Guests: Rutland County Forester Chris Stone, Maria French

Called to order @ 6:37. Approval of October 23, 2017 minutes, no public comments

Recommendations of Forester, Chris Stone, regarding Land Management

Plan

Need to define the 'Big Picture' of what our vision is for the town's Stone

Meadow

In terms of recreation, maintain the lands, trails and other infrastructure properly, and the ecological plans to promote wildlife and inhibit invasives, and for education (public and school), public safety.

Chris will talk to Travis Hart from the NRCS on eligibility for grants and proper procedures because the land is municipally owned. Lots of grant opportunities for funding such as canopy grants, watershed grants. Chris would be able to do an initial survey for us. After Chris has found out what is needed for a scope of work and eligibility of funding sources, we will meet with Chris again.

We had already filled out a Landowner Goal Assessment Form for "Not Just Trees, Inc.",

Which may be too extensive, and expensive, for our needs at this point.

Have \$1000 budgeted this year for the management plan.

Guest Maria French is a volunteer parent at W.E.S.'s Four Winds monthly program and would

be happy to help with the WCC projects, and perhaps help coordinate education

activities with the school.

Bee project:

Both colonies have merged, and hives are ominously quiet, with a mouse nest in one.

Insulated hive wrap installed by Marc, and there is ample honey inside hives.

Electric fencing may not be properly grounded, with a very weak pulse.

All Stone Meadow honey has been sold out at the town hall (\$65 income)

Stone Meadow Trails:

We held a dedication of the Klock bench for founding member, David Klock, and

a barbeque celebration afterward, with spouses attending.

A sign was placed by the tree planted in memory of Mark Skakel.

Duck boxes will need to be moved, bird houses cleaned, other no work 'til spring.

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

The Selectboard at their 11/20/2017 meeting approved a one-time fiscal expenditure

Of \$3000 for the forest management plan and for a shed, for which we are grateful.

Old Business:

Dumping of railroad debris on the Boys' Camp Road has been hauled out, remediated,

With bales of hay and fencing at bottom of slope.

Our winter Fun Day of Sledding in February will be planned at our next meeting in Jan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM
at Town Hall

Next meeting is Monday, January 22, at 6:30

Submitted by Debbie Scranton

Date Approved: 01/22/18