

## WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2016

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

Called to order @ 6:35. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

**Stone Carving:** Waiting for Kerry to set schedule. She has received her deposit.

**Parking Area/ Wild Flowers:** Wild flower planting in front of the split rails fence has exceeded our expectations. It has grown too high and covers up fence and stone sign to be carved. It also contains some species of plants that may spread rapidly over the Meadow and not indigenous to our location. We will meet Wed. evening at 5:30 to string trim growth to below bottom rail of fence.

**Bee Hives:** Marc has three possible locations for up to 3 hives. We will discuss Wed. evening. Priorities are shade in the hot summer sun in the afternoon, separation from Meadow hikers and easy access for maintenance. We will encircle hive area with cedar posts and install wire to deter public. Cost for bee colonies will be about \$400.

**Meadow Work:** Debbie donated some raspberry bushes that Marc planted. We have located some possible candidates on site to replace dead birch tree at the parking area. Should mow 1/3 of Meadow this fall, maybe west end with the most young trees. Create rain garden at canoe launch. Ask road crew to add gravel in east parking area.

**Programs:** Possible speakers to be determined for this fall and winter could include: invasive species, foraging, composting (Carol to investigate), bees (Marc same), and star gazing (Debbie same).

**Financial:** We have \$1,700. in our account. Need \$450 for bee project, \$300 for brochures, \$550 for Kerry and \$150 for Winter Fun Day.

**Other:** Debbie will research property that is for sale near twin bridges on Route 7. May be contiguous to Town property and desirable as a project site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37. Submitted by Ralph Nimitz, Secretary.