

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 28 2019

Present: Marc Pramuk (chair), Carol Macleod (Treasurer), Pat Stone (Secretary), Debbie Scranton, Jane Quigley, Jill Burkett

Guests:

1. Called to order @6:34 PM.
2. Approval of Sept. minutes
3. Additions/ Deletions to the Agenda: none
4. Public Comments: None
5. Update Stone Meadows/ Next steps:
 - Sandy wanted to know what insurance we needed (shed), so Carol suggested \$5,000. All agreed.
 - Recap of work done: mowing, shur pack
 - Mowing has been done. John McClellan logged 8 hrs. Looks good, received compliments from the public.
 - Shur pack is almost done. On Oct. 16 Jane and Carol had assistance from John and high school students – worked from 9-3. Got it spread but did not have enough. Seemed very loose, but rain has since hardened it up, should compress over winter.
 - Carol has sent a thank you note to the coordinator at Mill River and has received one back saying the students enjoyed the task.
 - New work:
 - More sure pack was delivered, some dumped for the main trail down to Waldo lane parking area, some at the beach. John is available on this Saturday, Nov. 2 and Carol and Jane will again spread it.
 - Trees: - Rob Barker and Eldred French to work one day in mid-December to start removing trees using the Audubon report as a guide. They have agreed on a price of \$750 for the day. Marc has noticed one down on the Buzzards nest trail, that is dangerous, so that one will be dropped first. Marc has suggested they do the hardest ones first, and we can work on the easier ones ourselves.
6. Discussion: Co-sponsor Sue Morse presentation:
 - Email from Louise Duda asking for support a presentation by Sue Morse, renowned wildlife photographer at the Shrewsbury Mtn School January 30 (weather date Feb. 6) proposed subject: unfragmented forested land for wildlife habitat

- Discussed donating \$100-\$200, the larger amount if they agreed to having it in Wallingford. This would provide easier travel and accessibility for neighboring towns.

7. FernField Farm Property

- Passed
- What's next? Marc to reach out to find out how else we can help

8. Budget:

- Current
 - Still have \$2765 in account from private donations
 - Will give John McClellan \$200 for his 20+ hours of volunteer work at Stone meadows
 - Current balance of our budget is \$2493.26
- 2021
 - New proposed budget discussed, some changes made, will go to Select board Nov. 18, Marc and Carol to attend.

9. Other Old Business:

- Bees/ Honey
 - No honey, wild natural pollinators ate it all up.
 - Will try two colonies this year. Marc think we have enough materials to use for both. Will plan a work day some time in April

10. New Business: none

11. Adjourn: 7:35

Next Meeting is Monday November 12, 2019