

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2021

Present: Carol Macleod (co-chair), Ralph Nimitz (co-chair), Debbie Scranton, Nick Bresinsky, Rodney Ward, Jane Quigley

Guests: Shannon Pytlik

Called to order at 6:35 PM via Zoom

February 22, 2021 minutes approved as written, Roll Call taken. No additions or deletions to Agenda

Annual Re-Organization Meeting

D. Scranton and Ralph Nimitz will be co-chairs, Carol Macleod will be Secretary. Jill Burkett Did not seek reappointment.

Brown Property at 122 Railroad Avenue, behind Firehouse, Up-Date

WCC members attended the March 15 Selectboard meeting with the possible purchase of the Brown property on the Agenda. The Selectboard voted 3-2 for the WCC to 'cease and desist' from Proceeding on this.

Stone Meadow

J. Quigley and M. Pramuk are designated in charge of the hives, and money has been allocated in our upcoming budget for two new colonies and supplies. At this point, there are no living bees, but lots of honey in the hives which we shall harvest and use our extractor. Due to the late date, and work that will need to be done on the hives, Jane said we should leave bee purchases until next year.

We will schedule a further cleanup of the copse in mid to late May, likely a Sunday morning, with 2-3 Weeks advance notice.

We will schedule a separate work day to walk the trails when all clear of ice/snow to evaluate the feasibility of widening the trails for multi-use. There is a trail work grant from the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, due in February, which may be yearly. It is a matching grant with 20% to be paid by the town or fund-raising. Shannon would write the grant.

R. Ward, C. Macleod will follow up (Pittsfield, Pine Hill Park) on finding trail regulations as to width, etc. We need new informational signage, and discussed several ideas and options to pursue. Shannon may be able to assist, as she made the last ones made when she was a WCC member.

Garbage cans for dog waste and recycling will be replaced.

Budget

Our new funds from the Town of Wallingford are \$1830 as we had requested, with no expenses since last meeting.

Green-Up Day

Saturday, May 1, 2021, at the library, will need volunteers to sign up people and to distribute bags. N. Bresinski, R. Ward (will bring pens), C. Macleod (will get table), R. Nimitz, and D. Scranton will come for last shift.

Other Business

S. Pytlik has a local source of sycamore trees, 4'5' in height, for \$15.50, which would do well in sandy soils. WCC will order 4 trees.

We discussed signage for Stone Meadow again, and we have \$250 under the grant for signs. We'll need 10 signs (8" x 10" o 8.5" x 11"). S. Pytlik will get signs from C. Macleod for verbiage. Metal or heavy wrap signs would last a long time.

D. Scranton and C. Macleod will be attending tomorrow's Wallingford Events and Communications Meeting, and will see what the programming will be for Wallingford Days, July 19, to see what the WCC may be able to contribute.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM. Next meeting is Monday, April 26, at 6:30 at Town Hall. Masks required. Or by Zoom, depending on the Covid-19 circumstances.

Submitted by Debbie Scranton