

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021

Present: Ralph Nimtze (Co-Chair), Carol Macleod, Nick Bresinsky, Rodney Ward, Jane Quigley and new member Tom Fort.

Called to Order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from April 26, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Tree Signs: Ten tree signs are under production at GVH Studios. We should have them within the next two weeks for installation. Two trees were unfortunately not included and will be ordered once we receive these 10 signs. Cost is still unknown but GVH's original estimate for production and materials was \$22.00 per sign and the Arbor Day grant is for \$200.

Bees: We have ordered 20 more foundations for the hives. These are the screened pieces on which the honey is stored/larva laid/etc. The bees are due sometime next week but actual date is still unknown. If our order for the 10" foundations does not arrive prior to the bees, we have back-up 8" foundations we can use.

Selectboard approval for construction of new multi-use trail. Rodney Ward is in charge of this construction. All of the members of the WCC are ready to help whenever Rodney requests help. GE Volunteer organization will also be helping to create this new trail. We do need a name for this trail. Appropriate signage will be ordered. Because of indications of "jump" usage, Rodney has removed parts of the jumps and blocked entrance to them. Until this new trail is finished, there is still no bicycling allowed at Stone Meadow except on the Main Trail. The entrance/exit to this new trail will be approximately 30 feet south of the parking area.

Green Up Day: 100 volunteers participated cleaning 78 miles and disposing of 128 bags. The Transfer Station received 5 tires.

Work Days Needed: The larger Bog Trail walking bridge has been partially painted with a non-skid surface. The work was halted because we ran out of paint. Job will continue in the next week and may include painting the small Bog bridge. Work days are needed to rake the trails, especially the upper portion of the ADA Trail, remove plant growth from ShurPak covered trails (Main and ADA), probable required ShurPak addition to the upper portion of ADA Trail, string-trimmer needs to be readied for use (oil change, check air filter) and used on sides of Main Trail, mowing trail that goes from Main Trail to Rim trail to Mark Skakel's tree, chain saw work cutting section out of downed trees on entrance to new trail and on interior trail that circles cove.

Other business (potential uses of VCS donation): Short discussion about possible small pavilion.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: 7:35 pm