

## WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes from Monday, February 27, 2023

Call to Order, Roll Call, Guest Introductions 4:30

Present: Tom Fort, Debbie Scranton, Jane Quigley, Dennis Duhaime, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimitz  
Absent: Rodney Ward

Guests: Brian Elliot (Mill River H.S. Track Team), 2 members from the Recreation Committee, Ann Vanneman

Approval of January 30, 2023 Minutes 4:35

Stone Meadow Park 4:35

Proposed 5K Cross Country Track (new information from prior WCC meeting) Coach Elliot, with support from two Rec. Comm. members, provided additional information about the use of Stone Meadow for a proposed cross country race in the fall, with the date under consideration being Saturday, September 24, 2023. After a lengthy discussion, there was a unanimous "yes" voted by present WCC members.

Cabin Fever Fun Day was held on Sunday, February 26. It was well attended and appreciated by participants, who went sledding, cross-country skiing, and other winter activities. WCC provided delicious hot dogs, hot cocoa, water, and the ever popular S'Mores. The event began with cold temperatures and new snow, becoming sunny and relatively balmy. A wonderfully warm Fire Pit was blazing, for warmth and cooking of S'Mores or just plain marshmallows. This event has been held for many years, weather permitting, and is an anticipated annual family outing held on February vacation week.

The Pollinator Garden Project is under the auspices of Moriah Cutro-Kelley. Moriah is having a Mindfulness Walk on Sunday, March 19, 11-12:15, after which will be a meeting regarding tilling and planting of the garden in the spring.

Elfin Lake Review with Fitzgerald Environmental Assoc. was held at the town hall on Feb. 13. Information on the sand erosion and remediation of this sand wash into Elfin Lake was presented, and methods of prevention and remediation were discussed. The meeting goal was to identify design ideas for water quality, aesthetics, functional use improvements. Suggestions and possible solutions will be present in the spring.

WCC Project Updates 5:40

We have delivered 818 pounds of the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Program. We will talk to Transfer Station Employees about turning part of the station into an enclosed, or at least covered, area where unwanted but good items are available for the taking.

Budget 5:45

WCC has \$1685 of our budget left, \$2022 in a CD, and a \$125 donation.

The money from the sale of honey for purchase of new colonies will be on a future Selectboard Agenda. New and Old Business 5:50 [L] [SEP] Ralph Nimtz found a possible new source for screening fencing for around the Transfer Station, to be discussed with Art and Jerry.

WCC will spend 20 minutes at end of our next meetings to discuss the creation of a new updated Mission Statement.

Adjourn 6:00