

## Wallingford Conservation Commission

### Approved Minutes of June 26, 2023

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

Dennis Duhaime, Tom Fort, Carol Macleod, Jane Quigley. Members Absent: Ralph Nimtz and Debbie Scranton. Guest Denise Eddy.

Approval of May 22, 2023 WCC Minutes 4:35

Open Seat on WCC – The WCC recommends that Selectboard appoint Denise Eddy to the WCC.

WCC Mission Statement. 4:40

Updated Mission Statement and supporting Conservation Plans were distributed to members present for review and discussion at the next meeting. copies of them will be sent to members who were not present.

Transfer Station 5:30

Trex Drop-off sites and Plan renewal. Price Chopper agreed to continue as collection point if Customer Service desk notified upon arrival. Drop offs will be primarily delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays when Price Chopper is less busy. Rutland Solid Waste communicated that they are currently not in position to become a collection point. Bruce Dobbins (Wallingford Representative to RCSW) will discuss with Hubbards to see if they are interested in being a collection site. The initial 6 Month collection period draws to a close at the end of June. Well over a ton of plastic film material was diverted from landfill to recycling from Jan-Jun. The Trex program will be renewed for the second half of the year.

Discovery Books. Bins will be provided to collect hard and soft-covered books, audiobooks/CDs/DVDs. Magazines are not meant to be collected but will be collected but will be accepted if deposited as it is recognized that the bin cannot be monitored 100%. Plan is for the bin to be delivered to the Transfer Station and program to start the week of July 10th.

Fence cover. Ralph is looking into an alternative fence cover.

Management Plan. The Transfer Station Management Plan has been updated to include Trex plastic film and Discovery Books program as well as current Give and Take process. The Selectboard will review the document prior to it being sent to RCSW.

Stone Meadow	5:40
<p>Bog Trail Steps. Photographs should be taken of new staircase and submitted for July newsletter.</p> <p>Pollinator Garden. Plants and watering solution are in place. Only water feature remains to be constructed. Photos should also be taken and submitted to newsletter. (Unfortunately, only black and white photos.)</p> <p>Other work. Mowing and trimming of paths need more attention and more participants. Dennis volunteered to trim Ridge trail.</p>	
Conservation Land Inventory	5:55
<p>Preliminary review of the overall town map was conducted. More detailed review of individual sub-maps will be needed as part of conserved land inventory. Future goal is to help minimize forest fragmentation and wildlife habitat/corridor disruption through continued targeted conservation.</p>	
Vermont Municipal Vulnerability Index	6:00
<p>ERG is developing a geospatial tool to inform which towns in Vermont are most susceptible to impacts of climate change such as flooding. Tool completions is targeted for Jan. 2024. Results could be useful in grant applications.</p>	
Vermont Community Resilience an Biodiversity Protection Act	6:05
<p>Goal is to conserve 30% of Vermont land by 2030 and 50% by 2050. Green Mountain National Forest conserved approximately 30%of Wallingford land.</p>	
Budget	6:06
<p>All but approximately \$145 was spent by WCC. In addition to the \$2500 budget received for 2022-23, WCC also received \$635 from honey sales and a donation of \$125. WCC funds in a CD are \$2022 and are still available for use by WCC. WCC's budget from Town for July 2023 thru June 2024 is \$2500.</p>	
New Business, Old Business	6:20
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