

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Minutes of July 24, 2023

Approved by WCC on Aug 28, 2023

Call to order, Roll call and Guest introductions 4:30

Members present: Tom Fort, Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimtz, Jane Quigley, Carol Macleod, Dennis Duhaime, Denise Eddy. Guests: Bruce Dobbins (Wallingford representative to RCSW and member of ARPA and Transportation Committees).

Transfer Station 4:35

Trex Plan Renewal: The Trex Plastic Film recycling plan has been renewed for another 6 month period (July-Dec). Price Chopper is our current collection point. Bruce is working with RCSW to see if they could become a collection point next year. He will also check with Hubbards and Casella.

Fence cover: Ralph is investigating other solutions.

Discovery Books: The new book recycling program has kicked off. The blue bin was placed at the Transfer Station this month for collection of hard and soft cover books, as well as CDs and DVDs.

Management Plan: Sandi is working with RCSW to review the updated Transfer Station Management plan, which incorporates the Trex Plastic Film and Discovery Books programs. It will then go to Selectboard for review and approval.

Stone Meadow 5:15

Planting deciduous trees along trails in the open meadow would minimize weed growth along the paths and reduce the need for mowing and weed wacking. Oak, Poplar, and Sugar Maple were considered as possible options. Excavation and backfill with compost and soil would most likely be required, as well as periodic watering until the trees are established.

Workday at Stone Meadow is scheduled for Aug. 3rd at 9:00 am.

Trash and recycling cans will be placed at the parking lot near the beach.

A citizen saw someone driving an ATV on and off of the trails in Stone Meadow near Elfin Lake. It was reported to the police.

The Selectboard extended the Fitzgerald Associates Elfin Lake contract through October.

The new bees are currently doing well.

WCC Mission Statement and Supporting Environmental Conservation Plan 5:35

The WCC adopted the mission statement to “Protect Wallingford’s land, water, air, and biodiversity”. We also adopted an Environmental Conservation Plan intended to align our actions with WCC mission and objectives.

Budget 6:00

WCC’s new budget amount is \$2500 thru 6/24. CD has \$2023.

Adjourn 6:05