

Wallingford Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2023, 4:30 PM
Town Hall (Downstairs)

- Call to Order, Roll Call and Guest Introductions
 - Members Present: Dennis Duhaime, Denise Eddy, Tom Fort, Carol MacLeod, Ralph Nimitz, Jane Quigley, Debbie Scranton
- Oct 23, 2023 WCC Minutes were approved
- *Public comments invited after discussion of each agenda topic, and under Old and New Business*
- Stone Meadow
 - Four Button Bushes were planted near Lower Bog Trail.
 - Bee hives have been insulated, with exception of the final layer to be added as temperatures drop.
- AVCC Natural Resource Inventory
 - Burke Conservation Commission asked for feedback on their NRI tool. We have not used it but will consider it when we initiate our natural resource inventory project next year.
- Trex Program Revision
 - Trex has revised their plastic film recycling program from 6 month periods requiring 500 lb to 12 month periods requiring 1000 lb collection in order to receive a free bench. Our current period ends Dec 31 and we will renew Jan 1, 2024.
 - Benches have been placed at Transfer Station and MRU-HS. The next one is proposed for Town Hall.
 - WCC members visiting Transfer Station and Rutland on Wednesdays are asked to help transport plastic to Price Chopper during the current period of high pellet bag use.
- Tree Planting Project
 - Preliminary planning is in process for the Canopy Tree Grant application due 1/5/24.
 - 32 Potential tree sites have been identified and are subject to change.
 - Sugar Maple and Flowering Crab were suggested by the Tree Warden.
 - Tree cost is estimated to be around \$9500. Additional supplies such as automatic watering bags, stakes and soil amendments will be considered.
 - Use of Road Crew is being investigated as an option. Trees could be delivered to town in one shipment and then planted over the course of the grant period (through Oct 2025).
 - Tom will check with the Fire District to obtain a map of sewer and water infrastructure.
 - Grant application will be discussed with Selectboard on 12/4/23.
- WCC Annual Report
 - Annual report was discussed and finalized.
- Budget
 - \$2500 in budget and \$2023 in CD
- New Business, Old Business
 - Denise proposed a public outreach project in the Spring to help address invasive plants and insects. Dennis has been working with the Agency of Natural Resources to identify someone to provide an informational seminar on invasives. Rutland Cooperative Extension will also be contacted.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM
- Next Meeting: Jan 22 4:30 PM at Town Hall