

Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes

Monday, April 28, 2025, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:35

Roll Call: Denise Eddy (Co-Chair leading meeting), Carol Macleod, Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Jane Quigley, Ralph Nimtz

Guest: Carolyn (CJ) Sloane from Moriah's pollinator garden at Stone Meadow

Approval of March 24, 2025 Minutes

TREX Very successful recycling of otherwise unusable plastic, with reward Of a Trex bench. D. Duhaime reported that the new bench is at the town Office, and will need to be assembled. We discussed possible locations For this bench, with Elfin Lake beach as the preferred location, to be put On the Selectboard meeting agenda.

Elfin Lake Erosion Grant This grant has been awarded, and Fitzgerald Engineering Will be completing the implementation either this coming fall or next Spring.

Facilities (Concession Building) Grant is not available. Perhaps we can Have local volunteers work on painting, fixing the 3rd bath etc.

AVCC No Tiny Grants available for signage as we did not sign up for AVCC this Year.

Amphibian Road Crossings

D. Eddy will contact Doug Fontaine from Tinmouth to set up a joint meeting With Luke Goff, herpetologist, for a shared presentation with Tinmouth. Our best date would be June 23 at 6:00 PM. Good community outreach Project which could be implemented next year.

Dog Waste Bag Stations

Rotary (Heather Johnson) will be setting up three stations for doggie waste Bags in town. WCC will likely put up additional bag station at Stone Meadow. D. Duhaime reports many poop bags in today's trash bin.

Pollinator Garden

It is unknown to what extent Moriah and Mindful Walks can maintain the Pollinator Garden at Stone Meadow, but guest CJ Sloane said that she would Be the contact to the WCC and facilitator. We discussed removal of the logs And agreed that they should be removed for easier maintenance, and logs Can be put across the main path in the copse nearby.

Budget

We have \$336.20 out of our last year's budget of \$2500. Money from selling honey from our bees is \$600 which will go toward maintaining the bees and for selling honey in the future. Money remains in our CD account. Expenditures for next year will be for additional signage for trees (explore a new format showing leaf shape, etc.), for the new Otter Trail, kiosk, boat

launch (two paddles needed). A new post will be needed for the bee sign, and Peter Upton's slate sign on the bench, and Mark Skakel's sign by the Tree will need refinishing or replacement. Our immediate expenditures will be buying a second battery for the electric mower, and will check with the Town clerk on our account with Ace Hardware which has changed hands. Also might need more bee supplies of bottles, etc.

New/Old Business

D. Eddy has bought metal signs, one for handicap parking at the Stone Meadow parking area on Waldo Lane, and two dog signs on keeping dogs on A leash, and picking up dog poop. They are not yet installed but a new metal Post has been put up by the town.

J. Quigley reported one of the three hives has survived winter successfully. She will split the remaining hive into two. Guest CJ Sloane has offered to Help in bee matters.

Green-Up Day, Saturday, May 3 9 to 12 Noon

We'll pass out Green-Up Bags in front of the library. C. MacCleod, the Green-Up chair, will arrive at 8. We will all bring chairs, and only two of WCC members are needed at one time. D. Duhaime will bring the table. 150 Green-Up bags, 50 of which go to WES. We will take turns at the table.

Work Day at Stone Meadow

Tentatively set up for Tuesday, May 6, weather dependent. Time to be Announced.

We adjourned at 5:30.

Our next meeting should be on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 4:30, at the Wallingford Town Hall or at Stone Meadow. Likely will have to re-schedule as this is Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton