

## Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes

**Monday, May 19, 2025, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall**

Carol Macleod arrived at 4:30 to drop off the box of Green-Up bags and Green-Up info she had forwarded to the state. As Carol has decided to retire from the WCC as of our prior meeting, she left before the meeting.

Call to Order: 4:55

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

Guest: None

Approval of April 28, 2025 Minutes

**New Member** At our April meeting, Carolyn (CJ) Sloane from Moriah's pollinator garden at Stone Meadow, expressed interest in joining the WCC. The WCC is supporting her being approved to the WCC by the Selectboard. This new member is particularly timely, as long-time and very dynamic WCC member, Carol Macleod, has decided to retire from this commission. We especially noted thankfully C. Macleod's years with Green-Up, Cabin Fever Fun Day, trail maintenance, grant writing, and helping J. Quigley with the bees and Bottling of honey.

**Elfin Lake Clean-Up** Town Administrator asked if the WCC would be available for spring Clean-up at the beach, as members of the Recreation Committee are too busy. The answer was a resounding no, as we maintain the extensive trails at Stone Meadow, the Rain Garden, the bee hives. If the Rec. Comm cannot get younger families who use the beach to help with clean-up, perhaps the town should hire professional help.

**TREX** Very successful recycling of otherwise unusable plastic, with reward of a Trex bench. D. Duhaime has assembled this new bench, and the town has recycled 2000 pounds since January, thanks to D. Duhaime and Tom Fort. Elfin Lake beach is the preferred location, to be determined by the Selectboard.

**Elfin Lake Erosion Grant** This grant has been awarded, and Fitzgerald Engineering will be completing the implementation either this coming fall or next spring. It is unknown if this grant money is still available after the extensive cutting of grant money by the federal government.

**Amphibian Road Crossings** We will be having a joint presentation with Luke Groff, state herpetologist, for a shared presentation with the Tinmouth CC. on June 16 at 7 PM.

**Bees** Neither C. Macleod nor J. Quigley, who care for the bees and make bottled honey, were at this meeting. Only ½ of a hive remains viable. WCC members put in new posts. The charger is solar, but the location does not have much sun. There is evidence of a bear nearby at the shed. The WCC bought a 6 volt charger with battery from Garland's. D. Scranton's husband will check out the electric fence situation.

**Budget** We had \$336.20 out of our last year's budget of \$2500 as of our April meeting. 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.

C. Macleod, no longer on the WCC, was our treasurer so no current report. Will check with town clerk, who writes checks for the WCC, if we will need a treasurer.

**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 leash, and picking up dog poop. D. Eddy will need assistance installing signage.

**Green-Up Day, Saturday, May 3** Less bags than in previous years, which could be due to rainy weather. We discussed moving to a different location, like the recreation field. Also we should go back to using a Tax Map to mark off parts of town being covered.

All people serving on town committees or commissions need to take an on-line course on Open Meeting Law. Only D. Eddy from WCC has taken it. The town will send members a link to take the course.

We adjourned at 6:35.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2025 at 4:30, at the Wallingford Town Hall or at Stone Meadow, depending on the weather.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton