

Wallingford Conservation Commission Revised Draft Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall
Venue moved from Stone Meadow

Call to Order: 4:35

Roll Call: Denise Eddy (leading meeting), Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Ralph Nimitz

Guest: Ann Awad

Approval of July 28, 2025 Minutes, no Quorum for August 25, 2025 Meeting

WCC Fall Green-Up Day scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 10-12, at the library where WCC members will distribute Green-Up bags left over from May. D. Scranton will make ample colorful posters to share with members to distribute around town, at businesses, on trees and poles, at town office before taxes due. Also A. Awad reported that the Selectboard will allow May's Green-Up bags for no transfer station fees.

AVCC Last year, possibly the year before, the WCC did not join the state organization. We will join again this year to take advantage of their programs, meet with other commissions, and to be eligible to apply for Tiny Grants.

Programming Ideas for the Coming Year We members should be noticing possible speakers or demonstrators for more community involvement. Mentioned was an author, Wm. Sargent, who wrote a book on bears. Possible purchase of a digital projector so that speakers could use their laptop for PowerPoint presentations. Regarding a walk-through of identifying and eradicating invasive plants, and likely other species, A. Awad mentioned Travis Hart (travis.hart@vermont.gov) who could provide a free walk-through of Stone Meadow, and also free consultations to homeowners (Spring, 2026). Our library also provides birding backpacks. We might meet together with CCs from Tinmouth and Shrewsbury. It would be good to establish monthly programs to the public during winter months.

Work for the WCC to do R. Nimitz walked the Otter Creek path, with the new canoe paddle, noting the trails could use trimming, as others should, just with hand trimmers. Weeds have grown up high by the bee hives and the tall brush should be cleared. BeeKeeper Kevin Mullin has one winterizing kit. Former member, Jane Quigley, worked tirelessly for the bees. The WCC should pick up items of the WCC currently at J. Quigley's house, including honey, weedwhackers, bee suits. We talked about who would maintain the hives at Stone Meadow. D. Eddy will put in a post to Front Porch Forum to see if knowledgeable bee keepers might be interested. Also, many of the signs in recognition of past WCC members have been deteriorating, and R. Nimitz will try for a uniform and long-lasting signage, not slate nor wood.

Elfin Lake Erosion Grant This grant contractor is Mountain View Earthworks who will be completing the implementation. It was supposed to have been done in September, now most likely October, to be completed by November 1. We were asked if WCC members could water the plantings, including Trees. The water to the lake has been shut off for the season, and is too difficult to turn back on. Watering should be weekly until November and a freeze. Tree warden Rob Barker also has a large water tank for watering.

Budget Carolyn CJ Sloane is our new Treasurer but was unable to attend this meeting. Total reimbursements were \$140.94. The CD balance from work at Stone Meadow from Vermont Country Store, work completed by former member Marc Pramuk, was \$2033.14. The WCC will request the same amount as last year to the town.

We adjourned at 5:40

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 27, 2025 at 4:30, at the Wallingford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton