

Wallingford Conservation Commission Draft Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2025, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:32

Roll Call: Denise Eddy, Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Carolyn CJ Sloan

Guest: Anne Awad

Approval of September 22, 2025 Minutes

Old Business -Lake Elfin Erosion Grant Work is 95% done, project manager did site visit with Town Administrator S. Switzer making sure of final completion checklist. R. Nimtz and D Duhaime have checked out the site, with impressive stone walkway, terracing and plantings, rain gardens.

New Business Jens Hilke from the state, available programs in person or on-line for us to use as community outreach. Others, like the Department of Forestry on invasive plant species, other Conservation Commissions (Tinmouth, Shrewsbury), historical societies as Possible resources. See minutes from 09/22/2025 for additional programming ideas.

AVCC The WCC did join the state organization for an annual fee of \$50, and can take advantage of their programs, meet with other commissions, and to be eligible to apply for Tiny Grants up to \$600. Possible grant applications may be for a projector for town use, updated older plaques and signage at Stone Meadow, repair of bog boardwalk.

Trex Program of recyclable plastics

D Duhaime and T. Fort have averaged 2.5 tons of plastic out of our trash stream annually. We have 3600 pounds so far this year, increasing each year. Will be eligible for another Trex bench, perhaps at Elfin Lake with the new erosion control landscaping, or to honor former member Jane Quigley.

WCC Fall Stick Season Spruce-Up Day scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 10-12, at the library where WCC members will distribute Green-Up bags left over from May and will again be accepted by the Transfer Station. D. Scranton and CJ Sloan created ample colorful posters to share with members to distribute around town, at businesses, on trees and poles, at town office before taxes due. D. Eddy will make a poster sized announcement for the sandwich board at the library before and on Nov. 8. D. Duhaime will provide a table.

Discussion of Bee Hives at Stone Meadow CJ Sloan will be taking care of the bees and hives at Stone Meadow, using an entrance reducer to keep out pests, insulating with Styrofoam and duct tape for winter. D. Duhaime has stored the WCC's raw honey in his basement. Bee Equipment from the WCC, much of which was stored at J. Quigley's house, should be moved to the basement at the Town Hall. D. Eddy will provide a pallet to protect equipment. Although J. Quigley did not want anything special done after her death, we on the WCC feel that we want to acknowledge Jane's dedication to the WCC, especially in her tireless work with the bees. Ideas were floated to honor her, including a planting of an appropriate tree to be determined, maybe an accompanying bench with plaque of service.

We adjourned at 5:30 Our next meeting will be Monday, November 24, 2025 at 4:30, at the Wallingford Town Hall. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton