

Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2025, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:35

Roll Call: Ralph Nimitz (co-chair leading meeting), Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Carolyn CJ Sloane

No guests

Approval of October 27, 2025 Minutes

Old Business Activities in Stone Meadow. CJ Sloane spoke to Moriah, who will be more involved with the Pollinator Garden, and may be interested in leading mindfulness walks. D. Duhaime has repaired the vandalized portion of the boardwalk, and will check some of the decking, and has weed whacked around the bee fencing. Heavy rains have eroded the steeper eastern portion of the main trail which could use some more surpac. The beach area has had the erosion control work completed. It does appear that large loose dogs must be playing and disturbing the sand. Most of the original signage is in good condition, and R. Nimitz will work on repairing signage, and will get a cost estimate of replacing the kiosk maps. The original rain garden by Elfin did not get weeded this year so will be a priority in spring.

Bee equipment has been moved to the Town Hall basement. The shed has some bee boxes and a suit which should be moved to the basement as well.

New Business Lining up speakers to the public, after the holidays.

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 4000+ pounds so far this year, this year ending January 19. Will be eligible for another Trex bench, or even a picnic table, perhaps at Elfin Lake with the new erosion control landscaping, or to honor former member Jane Quigley.

Treasurer's Report No activity since last meeting. Will need to purchase a new lock for the shed, and for new kiosk map to reflect new trails.

WCC Fall Stick Season Spruce-Up Day Saturday, November 8, 10-12, at the library where WCC members distributed Green-Up bags left over from May and accepted by the Transfer Station. D. Duhaime said it was a resounding success, with 15 people taking 26 bags

Discussion of Bee Hives at Stone Meadow CJ Sloan will be taking care of the bees and hives at Stone Meadow. D. Duhaime has stored the WCC's raw honey in his basement. 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 (oak) maybe an accompanying bench with plaque of service.

We adjourned at 5:20 Our next meeting will be Monday, December 22, 2025 at 4:30, at the Wallingford Town Hall. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton