

Wallingford Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:40 Roll Call: Denise Eddy (chair), Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Ralph Nimt

Guests: Anne Awad (Selectboard), Carol Tashie (Wallingford University) Approval of December 22, 2025 minutes

New Business - Wallingford University Carol Tashie, in conjunction with Peg Soule and Susan Kramer, is launching a new educational initiative taught by Wallingford residents for Wallingford residents. Topics will cover a wide range of free classes, within three locations in the town (Town Hall, Gilbert Hart Library, Rotary) on the weekend of March 27-29. There are presently 15 confirmed classes, three of which will be presented by members of the WCC (CJ Sloane on bees, D. Scranton and R. Nimt on the history of Stone Meadow Park, and D. Duhaime on designing and building a barn quilt). This committee will be meeting with the Selectboard at their next meeting. The WCC voted to support this activity with a donation of \$75 from our regular town budget.

Stone Meadow CJ Sloane, treasurer, confirmed that the revenue from the bees (Honey Money) has been mixed with our regular budgeted money. We will try to determine how much honey money has been raised by the amount of dropped off at town hall, and will keep it separated in the future, as this money is supposed to pay for bees and bee supplies so the bees are supporting themselves. More 1/2 pints than full pint bottles are more likely to sell due to cost. WCC can also sell at Town Meeting in March.

Cabin Fever Fun Day Sunday, February 15 12-2, If Postponed Sunday, February 22 D. Duhaime has clipped saplings from the sledding hill. Will follow the same procedure serving hot dogs, hot chocolate, s'mores over a bonfire. D. Scranton will do signs and purchase food, and dry goods. Will check with Carol Macleod on sandwich boards.

Trash Pickers D. Duhaime suggested having a lending program at the library for devices to pick up trash without having to bend over, also accompanied by midsize disposable bags, and will check with the librarian.

Vermont State Climate Action Plan Vermont will be working with 9 municipalities to develop a plan. Tom Fort has applied, wanting input from different Wallingford committees, and D. Duhaime could represent our WCC.

Public Outreach Programs Many on-line programs are offered free from the state on a variety of topics which we could advertise. We could also have a presentation, and will check out the new projector owned by the town, and see if we could partner with a neighboring community, such as Tinmouth.

Budget Assumed the same, treasurer not present.

We adjourned at 5:30.

Our next meeting will be Monday February 23, 2026, 4:30 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton