

**Wallingford Conservation Commission Draft Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall**

Call to Order: 4:35

Roll Call: Denise Eddy (chair), Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Ralph Nimtz, CJ Sloane

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes of 1/26/2026

**Public Outreach Programs** Many on-line programs are offered free from the state on a variety of topics which we could advertise. D. Eddy will post on Front Porch Forum and FaceBook upcoming webinars from the state.

We could also have a presentation, and will check out the new projector owned by the town, and if the library has a projector and screen. Having the library now again open on Wednesday evenings until 7 PM gives us a good time for presentations. We will check with the library for availability and also lock in a couple of Wednesday evening dates.

We had numerous ideas for topics to explore, from Sargent on bears, to Anne Awad on invasive plants, Blodgetts on numerous topics, bee-keeping series with CJ Sloane, Audubon, VINS. Also possible stipend of \$100.

**Re-Cap of Cabin Fever Fun Day February 15 at Stone Meadow** There were at least 75 participants, maybe more, that came to the Sledding Hill off Waldo Lane for our annual event. Wonderful weather helped, and the snow was sufficient. S'Mores, hot dogs and hot chocolate were appreciated by all. And special thanks to our youngest hot dog flipper, Eva, granddaughter of R. Nimtz. Also to volunteer Clare Bornarth who prepared the S'More ingredients. Many offered to donate, to be surprised that this is an annual activity of the WCC.

**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. CJ Sloane said that \$732 was from the bee money. We will ask the Selectboard how this money from bee honey sales can be separated and used to perpetuate the bee hives, colonies, and supplies. The bees were supposed to pay for themselves. There is more honey at the home of D. Duhaime, and the Town Hall.

**Items we may need to purchase with this year's town funding:**

- A large generic banner for the WCC for our many events
- New sandwich boards for events, modern light weight plastic ones
- Possible working with the Rec. Committee for ice skating
- Pavilion for over the picnic tables just off Waldo Lane at Stone Meadow
- New picnic tables
- Replacing plaques for old benches, new ones for new benches, etc.
- New signage for tree identification
- Plaque near the new oak tree, plus a new bench from Trex by spring, near the bee hives, in recognition of member Jane Quigley.
- \$75 donation for Wallingford University, for website, approved last mtg
- Pickers (12) for library to sign out to pick up trash, also take out for Green-Up Day
- Sign that birding backpacks available to take out at library
- Possible meet and greet for area bee-keepers

Adjourned at 5:30

Next meeting is on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 4:30 Wallingford Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton