

Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:40

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

Guests: Anne Awad (Selectboard)

Approval of Minutes of 2/26/2026

Election of Officers Co-Chairs Denise Eddy /Ralph Nimitz-Treasurer CJ Sloane -Secretary Deb Scranton

Public Outreach Programs D. Duhaime has set up the first of what we hope will be one many programs for the public. On Wednesday, April 22, which just happens to be Earth Day, CCV teacher Mic Metz will give a presentation on a Broad Natural History of Vermont. The program will be in the library's Klock Room at 6:30, with the WCC closing the library at 8:00 PM. No stipend, but Mr. Metz will receive his preferred beverage and WCC honey. D. Duhaime has contacted the UVM Master Gardener program for a workshop or presentation in May, on various gardening topics, including a separate category on Composting.

We discussed having a composting pile for garden debris solely for the Pollinator Garden at Stone Meadow. Also suggested were to add signage for plant identification, and separate signage for typical bees and butterflies that one might see at this garden.

Green-Up Day Green-Up Day will be Saturday, May 2, and we will need approval from the library to once again use the front yard as our base. D. Duhaime has the bags and 5 posters from the state. We need additional local advertising besides the posters. The Town Clerk has provided a map of the main village to mark off areas that residents will be covering. We might use incentives for the newly started Fall Stick Season clean-up from the Trex program which is no longer providing benches. D. Duhaime has purchased a half dozen of 'Pickers' which we will showcase at Green-Up Day, and will be available for loan from the library.

Revised Rules of Procedure Really does not affect our commission, per A. Awad.

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

A large 4' width x 3' high generic banner for the WCC for our many events

New sandwich boards for events, modern light weight plastic ones

New signage for tree identification to replace some signage. D. Eddy will look for possible ones at Awesome Graphics. Also signage at the Pollinator Garden for plants, and to identify bee and butterfly pollinators common to our area

Plaque on the existing bench near the new oak tree, near the bee hives, in recognition of member Jane Quigley

Other D. Duhaime will walk trails at Stone Meadow for downed trees, other possible damage.

We will ask Town Clerk to separate money from the WCC from the Bee Money.

Adjourned at 5:35

Next meeting is on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 4:30 Wallingford Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton