

**Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, May 18, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall**

Call to Order: 4:50

Roll Call: Denise Eddy (chair), Debbie Scranton, CJ Sloane

Guests: None

Approval of Minutes of 4/21/2026

**Public Outreach Programs** A very popular program of Wallingford University was Janet Kennedy Farmer's on identifying mushrooms. She now offers private public foraging walks. We discussed the WCC sponsoring a walk, where the participants pay a nominal fee, subsidized by the WCC, for a two hour walk with a maximum of 15 people. Fee is \$350 for the first ten, \$10 each for the next five persons. D. Duhaime will follow-up with a likely forage in August, with best date for him on August 8. Site will be the Farmer/Meyer property on West Hill.

The WCC will pay for members and gracious hosts. We will set aside \$450 to the presenter to be pre-paid.

**Logo** The WCC needs a logo for banner, signage, focusing on the four components our our mission statement of Land, Water, Air, and Biodiversity. CJ Sloane will design this logo of these four components in a circular motif.

**Stone Meadow Clean-Up Date** Postponed as too few members present to do the mowing and other spring clean-up and might have to hire these services.

Management of the Stone Meadow open meadow. It has been too long since mowing, may now need brush hogging. State says best management practices are controlled burning which would necessitate cooperation with town and town fire department. Would greatly improve soils. Burning first recommended, but might need brush hog due to shrubs and black locusts considered invasive and taking over the meadow. We need more input from other WCC members and the Selectboard.

**Bee Hives** CJ Sloane reports that bees are doing well. She will manage hives to increase the colonies and health of the bees. No honey until next spring, so no honey sales from this year's bees this year.

**Items we may need to purchase with this year's town funding, prior to the end of June, 2026:**

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 (\$250)

CJ. Sloane will create a circular LOGO for land/water/air/biodiversity for our signs.

New signage for tree identification to replace some signage. Also signage at the Pollinator Garden for plants. Plaque on the existing bench near the new oak tree, near the bee hives, in recognition of member Jane Quigley.

Sponsorship for 1 or 2 children to attend the VT Conservation Camp (\$250 per child)

New picnic table \$250

Possibly a new combination lock to the shed, which is sometimes problematic.

**Other** D. Duhamine removed old picnic table. WCC, thanks to D. Eddy, gave a basket on behalf of the WCC to the Silent Auction to raise money for the newsletter. Jobs that D. Duhaime does that will need to be done when gone on vacation (mowing of trails, emptying garbage weekly), look at Trex catalogue for items by Aug.. 31

**Social Media** Would be good to have a WCC Gmail account with town administrator included, and a new Facebook page. Former administrator has moved and we do not have access to the old account. We also need to recruit new younger members, and could change our meeting time if younger members would need it.

Next meeting is on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 4:30 Wallingford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton