Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:35
Roll Call: Denise Eddy (chair), Debbie Scranton, Ralph Nimtz, Dennis Duhaime
Guests: Anne Awad
Approval of Minutes of 09/28/2026
Stone Meadow D. Duhaime checked the boardwalk, which is okay for now. Walking surface is slippery when wet, and covered in leaves. Sand in paint has been tried in the past but didn't last. Adhesive strips, chicken wire were discussed. We agreed a new sign saying "Slippery when Wet" would be most effective.
D. Duhaime noted the stairwell with railing south of the boardwalk has been vandalized.
New sign needed of when the park is open (Dawn to Dusk).
Dog bags appear to be used. Oak tree by apiary in memory of Jane Quiqley is thriving.
Stick Season Spruce-Up Day D. Scranton brought 28 small posters created by CJ Sloane, run off on colored fall papers with leaves and green-up bags. Distributed at meeting. D. Eddy will bring 3 to elementary school which is looking for community activities for the children to do. If hung in post office or a town property, we will add that this is sponsored by the WCC. A. Awad will email Town Administrator if okay for green-up bags to be accepted free at the transfer station. D. Duhaime will set up at 9:30 at the library, Saturday, November 7 to distribute bags from 10-12. D. Scranton will make two posters for the sandwich board, materials provided by the WCC. As leaves are mostly fallen, perhaps we should hold this event a little earlier.
Old Business In appreciation of residents working for the WCC maintaining Stone Meadow, as in mowing meadows and areas around the areas used by the public by the picnic tables by the Waldo Lane parking lot, we will not use funds from the town. We do hold events, such as the mushroom foraging workshop this summer, which generates extra money which can go to compensating and thanking local residents maintaining Stone Meadow.
Old Business
We agreed that Stone Meadow, by being mowed in a larger area from the parking lot on Waldo Lane to an area around the picnic tables, creates a much more inviting area for people to sit, or picnic. We will continue to mow this larger area, and along the trails. This will create a better experience for trail users and will help with minimizing problems with ticks in higher grasses. We also like the main meadow mowed, leaving areas of unmoved meadow, but recognizing the monoculture of an extreme amount of goldenrod.
Budget Of our new budget of $2500, we have thus far spent $270.65. We have $2028.65 in our CD from the VT Country Store for work Marc Pramuk, former WCC member, completed at Stone Meadow. This CD is for the WCC only, and cannot be used for municipal purposes. We will find out where this CD is held, and its terms.
New Business We will be presenting our up-coming budget to the Selectboard on their December meeting.
Next Monday, November 2, at the Selectboard will be the final draft of the Hazard Mitigation for our town. Of the many concerns, the WCC wants to make sure our concerns about Japanese Knotweed, which can burrow through sewer and water lines, roadways, retaining walls along brooks and rivers, etc. are adequately addressed.
Adjourned 5:35

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

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton