

Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018 Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Conservation Commission Chair Anderson. In attendance were members John Anderson, Shelley Harms, Susannah Wood, Libby Borden, Elizabeth Corrigan, and Martha Klein.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July regular meeting minutes and the special meeting minutes, with no edits. The July minutes from both meetings were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Nash Pradhan was honored last month at Clean Water Action's annual gathering. **Action Item:** Klein will forward information to Wood for submission to November Norfolk Now.

CACIWC Conference is November 17; info will be forwarded to CC members.

Action Item: Anderson will follow up with CACIWC and will register everyone (Corrigan, Wood, Anderson, Harms).

CLCC: discussion regarding membership renewal. Harms made a motion which was seconded by Wood and passed unanimously to donate \$100 for membership to CLCC. Their excellent conference is March 2019.

Smaller American Lawns Today (SALT) has a conference on native plants.

State updated significant hazards map (one area in Norfolk).

Budget

\$2250 is the total budget for this year.

So far we have spent \$180.50 (printing and sign post for wet meadow sign).

Public comment period was deferred as no members of the public were present.

Old Business

Invasive Plant Town Map

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bill for the invasive plant poster copy. Harms abstained.

23 cards were filled out already at the Hub. One card identified black swallowwort at the Pub. Cards will be kept at the Hub; CC members should pick cards from people/areas you

know, and follow up with the person who filled out the card or directly with problem area. We need to present info on safe alternatives to poisonous herbicides such as glyphosate. We need to respond to invasive plant infestation in an appropriate and timely way.

Action Item: Wood will follow up with black swallowwort at the Pub.

Action Item: Post a priority list at the Hub to prioritize which invasives we should respond to most immediately.

Need to identify speaker for a presentation at the Hub on invasive plants and use of the map. (Could be Anderson or Corrigan.) We should do promotions and article in Norfolk Now for program in March 2019 at the Hub on invasive plants.

Action Item: Article in Norfolk Now in Feb. 2019 for March program.

Action Item: Anderson will share chart on various methods of controlling numerous species of invasive plants.

Action Item: Wood volunteered to apply for AKC fund grant to remove invasive plants.

Prepare Norfolk Invasive Plant Brochure

Action Item: Corrigan is adapting a previous brochure she made for CC to create an invasive plant brochure to be on our table at the Hub.

Invasive plant removal on town properties

Action Item: Harms will get estimate for further removal of Norway maples at Buttermilk Falls Park.

City Meadow

The City Meadow Committee is considering adding a Conservation Commission member to their committee. Ideally, Anderson will function in a liaison role between CC and City Meadow committee. Right now, the concern is stabilizing the area for winter. Rushes are doing well; shrubs and trees are doing poorly. Some Norway maples were removed. CC should make short term and long term recommendations to City Meadow committee.

Action Item: Anderson will draft recommendations and share with the group.

Conservation Commission Annual Report

This was completed by Anderson.

Road Salt issues

Action Item: Wood will follow up with Nash regarding the water data collected by the state in Norfolk that we learned about from Ed Machowski, who planned to share the data with Nash.

Wood will share a draft excel sheet for containing the water info, in advance of water testing.

New Business

Action Item: Klein will send a notice to CC members and the town of the cancellation of the regular November and December meetings, and will send a notice of the special meeting scheduled for December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Discussion ensued of changing meeting time in 2019 to an hour earlier.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes submitted by Martha Klein, secretary
November 5, 2018