

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
11/18/20

Present: Martha Klein, Susannah Wood, Shelley Harms, Nash Pradhan, Libby Borden, John Anderson

Meeting was called to order at 6:04p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the October meeting.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Martha renewed our CACIWIC membership. Commission members can attend the online meeting on Dec. 5th. Registration expense will be reimbursed by the town.

Budget: Still waiting to hear.

Road Salt: Susannah is continuing to test.

Village Green: Nothing to report.

City Meadow: Nothing new at this time. Christian Allyn has been hired to further treat the phragmites.

Botelle School Meadow: Fringed gentian is going to seed. John suggests a meeting with the town crew before mowing season to discuss the best schedule for the meadow.

NRI: no report

Buttermilk Falls: No updates

Public Events: Beaver Control webinar by Mike Callahan scheduled for Dec. 9th in the early afternoon so Matt and Troy can attend during work hours. Notices have gone to our FB page, Norfolk Now, Dawn Whalen at the HUB, and webmaster Leslie Battis.

Meeting Schedule for 2021: A motion to approve the schedule was made by Susannah and seconded by Libby. Passed unanimously.

Invasive Plants: Shelley would like to do a plant exchange in 2021, which can be organized to be socially distanced. Susannah wrote a piece for Norfolk Now on buckthorn removal.

Action Item: Susannah to contact other commissions in our area to see what they are doing on invasives and other issues.

Commission Meeting Schedule for 2021:

Action Item: Martha will submit a schedule for the 3rd Wednesday of every month except for September when it will be on Wed. September 22nd, the 4th Wednesday, due to a conflict.

CC business completed at 6:24 followed by a presentation by Sam King of Blue Earth Composting that was postponed from last meeting. MIRA, where we send our solid waste, is scheduled to close in 2023

Action Item: Martha to reach out to the CCSMM (CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management) representative for Norfolk to discuss possibilities for some kind of food waste composting program for the town at the transfer station. (More information about CCSMM food waste initiative here <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Waste-Management-and-Disposal/CCSMM/Food-scraps-organics>.)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 1/13/21