

Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
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Regular Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting  
2/17/21

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** Martha sent out to the members a notice of the upcoming NWCOG training for town commissions.

**Budget:** Martha requested an additional \$500 from the town for finishing up the NRI and it was approved.

**Discussion of Zoom protocols:** To make meetings run smoothly, Martha will act as the facilitator. Everyone is asked to use the “raise your hand” toggle to be recognized for comments and questions.

**Road Salt:** Susannah presented the testing data from 2020 she and Mattie collected and also graphs prepared by Virginia Kelley at Cary Institute. It was proposed to send a small donation of \$100 in thanks for her help.

**Action Item:** Susannah and Mattie to begin testing in March. Susannah to follow up with Ann Hulick of Clean Water Action and with Matt and Troy about the 2020 data.

**Village Green:** Marie Lowe is interested in doing some pollinator-friendly plantings on the green.

**Action Item:** Nash to follow up with Marie.

**City Meadow:** Bird boxes will be installed after the snow disappears

**Botelle School Meadow:** Nothing to report

**NRI:** John will be working to finish this up.

**Action Item:** John to get weather data from Russell Russ

**Buttermilk Falls:** Nothing to report

**Waste Management:**

**Action Item:** Martha is going to design a survey about composting to go out in Norfolk Now.

**Action Item:** Martha will send out a tool kit about reducing waste to commission members

**Public Events for 2021:** Ideas include virtual presentations on bear management, composting, and waste reduction; having a campaign of a plastic free July, joining in on the climate program over Indigenous People's Day the second weekend of Oct. (otherwise known as Columbus Day), PFAS chemicals (Ann Hulick of Clean Water Action), the upgrade of the "bottle bill."

**Action Item:** Shelley to think about who could do a bear program

**Action Item:** Martha to work on setting up a home composting program

**Action Item:** Susannah to ask Ann Hulick to speak in July

**Invasive Plants:** Plant exchange at the Norfolk Farmer's Market in June. Will also have information about composting.

**Action Item:** Shelley to organize.

**Other Conservation Commissions' activities:** Susannah reported on what she has found out so far about other commission activities. Colebrook is interested in and working on invasive species control and creating pollinator pathways. Winchester does not seem to have a very active commission. Salisbury has recently set up a separate Conserv. commission. Roxbury does a lot with school programs. Kent appears to have a very active commission headed by Connie Manes. They are setting up some form composting collection/processing at their transfer station.

**Action Item:** Susannah to contact Connie and continue researching.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 3/9/21