

Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
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Regular Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting  
6/16/21

Present: Martha Klein, Susannah Wood, John Anderson, Shelley Harms

Absent: Libby Borden, Mattie Vandiver, Nash Pradhan

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Budget:** No change

**Road Salt and other road issues:** Salt testing is continuing. Susannah and Martha have worked on a letter outlining concerns about road maintenance practices that degrade streams and plant associations. The Northwest Conservation District staff have offered to join in a meeting with Matt and maybe with Troy to discuss ways to improve maintenance practices.

**Action Item:** Susannah and Martha to go over photos to send to Matt

**Action Item:** Susannah to submit letter to Matt and suggest a meeting.

**Action Item:** Susannah and Mattie to continue testing.

**Village Green:** A discussion was held concerning proposed pollinator plantings on the green and the consensus of the group is that we should concentrate on doing a larger, more visible and accessible pollinator planting at another site or sites, possibilities being the City Meadow, in particular the bank below John Curtiss Rd, and/or the bank at Buttermilk Falls. Both sites allow for signage and more extensive plantings. Plants for the Buttermilk Falls site could be purchased before the budget year runs out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and held over until clearing of the site has been done.

**Action Item:** Susannah to talk to Jenna Brown about including pollinator plants at the Botelle garden

**Botelle School Meadow:** Shelley reported more nest boxes are needed.

**Action Item:** Shelley to contact Nash to see if he has extra and, if need be, get in touch with Chris Peterson who might make up a bunch for us.

**NRI:** John has sent some material to Aaron Frisch and is waiting to hear back on an estimate. Shelley suggested that Sarah Pellegrino of The Nature Conservancy in CT would be a good person to look over the climate change material.

**Action Item:** Shelley and John to be in touch about looking over the protected property map.

**City Meadow:** Nothing new to report

**Buttermilk Falls:** Shelley proposed planting some oak seedlings, donated by Sue Frisch, at the falls.

**Waste Management:**

**Action Item:** Martha to write up DEEP grant for compost containers.

**Public Events for 2021:** Shelley moved that Susannah be allowed to spend up to \$50 on books for the library, seconded by John, passed unanimously. John suggested there might be a book discussion to amplify the outreach.

**6/26/21** Invasive Plant Exchange at the Market: Information on invasives and on pollinator friendly practices and plants will be available

9-11 Martha and John

11-1 Libby and Susannah

**Action Item:** Susannah to print up pollinator info sheets

**6/28/21** "Going Plastic Free" - joint zoom program with climate group from the United Church of Christ in conjunction with the HUB's Monday night series.

**9/21/21** Bear talk via zoom "Sensible Bear Management" with Dr. Tracey Rittenhouse

**7/11 /21** CC in charge of Norfstrom's at the transfer station for the day.

**Action Item:** Shelley to send around a schedule of times and ask for volunteers

**7/31/21** WIN participation

**Action Item:** Susannah to see if she can find someone from the Etymological Society and John to see if he can find a butterfly person for a late morning walk I in the Botelle wet meadow area.

**Action Item:** Martha to set up a HUB Monday night Zoom talk featuring Mary Hogue in August

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 6/22/21