

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
8/18/21

Present: Martha Klein, Susannah Wood, John Anderson, Mattie Vandiver, Nash Pradhan

Absent: Libby Borden, Shelley Harms

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 21st meeting.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Budget:

Action Item: Martha will double-check with town hall on the budget. Also, will ask if the commission is allowed to raise money on its own for its activities and what restrictions apply.

NRI: The majority of the meeting concerned review of the recommendation section of the NRI. A draft of the whole document should be ready for review by the next meeting. Recommendations may include specific suggestions for action by the commission, largely focused on education. Additions will also include mention of pollinator friendly practices and plantings in both plantscape and wildlife sections.

Action Item: Martha to send John an updated section to cover weather and climate and will include recommendations for that section. A paragraph or so about waste reduction to be included in this section because of its climate impacts

Action Item: The committee members should continue to review the recommendations and the rest of the NRI for any other changes.

Action Item: John to send out edited material before the September meeting for review

City Meadow: John reported that the NWCD is preparing a maintenance plan for the meadow and that the committee will transform into a sort of "Friends of the Meadow" organization that

will keep on top of maintenance of both hard structures and plantscape and the commission will continue to have representation in that organization.

Action Item: John will draft language for signage to explain the importance of native plant habitat and send it to the commission members for review.

Public Events for 2021: A conversation ensued re insect pests in our forests.

9/21/21 Bear talk via zoom “Sensible Bear Management” with Dr. Tracey Rittenhouse

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 8/19/21