

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
8/19/20

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

Absent: Nash Pradhan, Libby Borden

Meeting was called to order at 6:03

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

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Martha shared a notice of DEEP's initial approval of a discharge permit for the new sewer work.

Budget: Nothing to report.

Action Item: Martha to talk to Matt.

Road Salt: Susannah is continuing to test with the help of Mattie Pace. Martha reported on new legislation in NY state on the reduction of road salt.

Action Item: Susannah will find out more about the legislation.

Village Green: Susannah reached out to Nash and Barry Webber about plantings but has not heard back.

Action Item: Susannah will continue to try to contacting them about a planting plan.

City Meadow: Planning is moving ahead on designs for a stairway from John Curtiss Rd. down to the meadow. Deck at the pond is complete. Army Corps of Engineers has said the town no longer has to spend money on stabilizing the bank as the vegetation is doing a good enough job. More control of phragmites and loosestrife is planned and the City Meadow committee has decided to remove invasive species all along the bank below John Curtiss Rd.

Action Item: John to consult with Nash about a recommended planting list for the bank once the invasives are removed.

Botelle School Meadow:

Action Item: John will monitor the meadow to see how the timing of the mowing has affected wildflowers.

NRI: Mapping under way at HVA. They still need updated parcel information and 490 status.

Action Item: John to confer with assessor and Eliza Little to obtain correct parcel data.

Shelley Harms leaves meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Public Events: Beaver program was very useful. Because of the storm, attendance from Norfolk was low. Will try to plan a repeat of the program later in the fall.

Action Item: Martha will see about scheduling a second program and also talk to Matt about having the road crew involved.

Plastics Ban: Deferred

Invasive Plants: Buttermilk Falls no action planned.

New Members: Martha suggested Mattie Pace would be a great addition.

Action Item: Susannah to ask Mattie. Martha to check on age requirement.

New Business:

Composting: In view of the garbage incinerator in Hartford shutting down, the town of Norfolk could reduce the cost and carbon footprint of garbage disposal by instituting a town composting system. Blue Earth Composting is set up to work with municipalities to educate them on how to do this. They will provide educational seminars to town leaders.

Action Item: Susannah to talk to Matt and to investigate further.

By unanimous vote, the commission agreed to write a letter to the Foundation for Norfolk Living in support of the net zero housing development near the town garage, for which the foundation is applying for grants.

Action Item: Susannah to write a draft and circulate.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:550