

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
1/20/21

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

Also present: Phyllis Bernard for public access

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: None

Budget: The budget sent from Town Hall of \$4,085 was discussed and approved unanimously

Road Salt: Testing is done until sometime in late winter.

Action Item: Susannah will present results of 2020 testing next meeting

Village Green: Marie Lowe is interested in doing some plantings on the green and will approach the Commission for native plant suggestions.

Action Item: Nash to follow up with Marie.

City Meadow: Nash has bird boxes for City Meadow which he will send to John

Botelle School Meadow: Nothing to report

NRI: John will be working to finish this up in 2021.

Action Item: John to get weather data from Russell Russ

Buttermilk Falls: No updates

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: Engage the public on waste reduction. Possible presentation on black bear management.

Invasive Plants: Nash reported that invasive bamboo has been found on property adjacent to Star Childs.

Action Item: Nash to consult with the owners about removal and control as this is very invasive stuff. Nash will keep the Commission posted on the situation

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

New Business: The commission agreed unanimously to write to Senator Witkos and Representative Horn and urge them to support efforts this session to expand the "Bottle Bill" and the optional conveyance fee to provide towns a source of a secure funding for the maintenance and improvement of town lands.

Action Item: Susannah to draft letter and send to members of the commission for comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 2/14/21