

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
9/22/21

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

Absent: Libby Borden, Shelley Harms

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 18th meeting.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Martha brought up the three meeting announcements previously sent out by email.

Action Items: Susannah will attend the virtual NWCOG meeting on 9/30/21 re: water quality of lakes and streams

Nash will attend the 10/18/21 meeting in person at the HUB to hear about the North Canaan asphalt plant situation

Martha and Nash will attend the virtual meeting on native plants sponsored by UCONN on 11/5/21

Budget: Martha reported we have the same amount as stated at the July meeting - \$4085.00

Action Item: Martha will double-check with town hall what restrictions may apply to any fundraising efforts the commission undertakes.

Road Salt Testing: Martha suggested that our data should be shared with Ed Machowski and also sent to the new DEEP citizen science reporting program. Nash reported that he had looked at and approved Matt's planting list for North Colebrook Road where the sand pile was removed.

Action Item: Susannah to follow up on data sharing.

Village Green: No action

Buttermilk Falls No action

Waste Management: Martha has prepared a “home composting 101” info sheet for distribution. Martha reported that we did not get the DEEP grant. Susannah made a motion, seconded by Nash, and unanimously approved that we spend \$500 on some home use bins to distribute in some fashion to promote composting.

NRI: The climate section has been expanded. Sue Frisch will help with editing.

Action Item: John to send plant list to Nash to look over. John will add something about the dangers of methane and the adoption of heat pumps to the recommendations

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

Action Item: Susannah to contact CT Ag. Experiment Station re: pollinators of NW CT

Action Item: Martha will send a para to John about waste management and climate

City Meadow: John will attend meeting on Sept. 27th at the HUB.

Action Item: John to present his proposal for signs to the new committee.

Pollinators: Susannah reported that Jenna Brown is enthusiastic about more pollinator-friendly plantings in the Botelle school garden. She proposed we offer Jenna \$100 to help purchase plugs of plants. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Action Item: Nash to help advise Jenna and obtain appropriate plants

Recruitment: Members needed.

Action Item: Everyone to keep working on getting new members.

New Business: Martha offered some possible suggestions to consider for 2022:

Making Norfolk an official SustainableCT town

Connecting Norfolk to the Pollinator Pathway program

Initiating a campaign to make Norfolk a Bear-smart Community

Next meeting will be October 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by Susannah Wood, 10/4/21