

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
2/16/22

Present: John Anderson, Libby Borden, Martha Klein, Sam Williams, Susannah Wood

Absent: Nash Pradhan

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 19th meeting. It was noted that the town website is missing minutes from a number of meetings.

Action Item: Susannah to resubmit.

Correspondence: Martha has drafted and sent around a letter to DEEP about the ash cut on Haystack. Our representatives will also receive a copy.

Martha also forwarded an email about the online conference of the CT Assoc. of Wetland Scientists on March 9, from 9-12.

We will not be renewing the membership in CACIWIC.

Public Comment: None

Budget: We have \$3,250 in the budget.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah submitted her data from late Oct 2021 showing the effect of very high rainfall in summer and early fall.

Action Item: Susannah to reach out to testing companies to see what it would cost to test streams with the highest readings, and also City Meadow. She will contact the water quality manager at DEEP for our area.

North Colebrook Road: Susannah reported she had spoken to Matt and that he has not forgotten the situation and has spoken to the road crew about getting rid of the sand pile across the brook and also the invasives situation.

NRI: Draft almost ready to send out. Recent suggestions from Sue Frisch to be considered.

Action Item: Everyone to look at comments from Sue before next meeting. John to send out draft.

City Meadow: Cynthia Rabinowitz has submitted a draft plan for ongoing management of City Meadow. Ed Machowski is drafting signage with input from Libby. Sue Frisch will edit.

Action Item: John to send draft to Libby for review.

Village Green: no report

Pollinators: Norfolk Land Trust program on Feb 26th will be on pollinators: Zoom through the HUB at 4 p.m.

Buttermilk Falls/Inasives: no report

2022 Programing dates and ideas:

February: John to do a winter wildlife walk for WIN weekend

March: Garden presentation? possibly someone from White Flower Farm

April: Buttermilk Falls work day

May: presentation by Tracy Zarillo about bumble bees

No Mow May **Action Item:** Susannah to put announcement in Norfolk Now

June: Plant exchange at farmer's market (June 11th?) Article about invasives and plant exchange should go into Norfolk Now in May.

NRI program to introduce the new edition. Timing to be determined

Summer Friday night on the green – Moths with Brigeite Zacharczenko? (**Susannah**)

Waste reduction

Waste Reduction: Commission will continue to work with UCC green group. Liz Allyn has been in touch with Martha. Compost bins to be distributed at the plant exchange in June

New Business: To accommodate Sam's new work schedule, Susannah made a motion, seconded by John, to change meeting nights to the 2nd Monday of the month. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Action Item: Martha to contact town hall about the proper procedure to change the meeting nights as the schedule had already been submitted.

Susannah made a motion, seconded by Libby, that Sam become the secretary. The motion was adopted unanimously.

John made a motion, seconded by Libby, that Susannah become the chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The commission discussed the use of ARPA funds for land conservation and other environmental needs in town.

Action Item: Susannah to find out more from the CLCC which publicized this idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting 3/14/22

Submitted by Susannah Wood 2/24/22