

Conservation Commission, Town of Norfolk, P.O. Box 552, Norfolk, Connecticut 06058

Monthly Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 14th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Attending: Susannah (Chair), John, Nash, Samuel (secretary)

Review and Approve Agenda (add NLT Open Space grant letter of support & invasive plan)

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: Approved

Correspondence/ Budget and Expenses/ Public comment period: No Change

Old Business

Road salt testing: No Testing recently had been done but planning to in the near future when road salting begins.

North Colebrook Rd./ Road drainage: No change has been made but further observation.

NRI: Book is soon to be finished. In the finalizing currently and decision where to have the printing done.

City Meadow: No change.

Village Green: No change.

Botelle School Wet Meadow: No business has been done in the meadow but discussion of future educational seminars to students and young adults at the library.

Pollinators: Out of season.

Buttermilk Falls Park/Invasive Plants: Nothing currently has been done but discussion of future work to remove invasive plants from the area and future mowing.

2022 Activities: None recorded.

Waste Reduction Activities: No new updates.

Haystack Mountain EAB logging: No new information.

New Business

Discussion of resident spraying unknown weed killer on property and partially crossing onto Norfolk private property. **Action Item:** Chair is to write a letter to DEEP Inland & Wetlands for the resident to have their spraying more controlled, regulated, and monitored. **Motion Passed:** Sussanah, John 2nd, Nash and Samuel in agreement of letter.

NLT/ North Swamp requested that NCC send a letter in support of their application for a DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition grant to purchase an 82 acre parcel on Lover's Lane bordering Barbour Woods. NCC unanimously votes to support. **Action Item:**

Discussion of donation to NLT to assist with invasive plant removal with NCC participation. Molly recommends removing invasives on Land Trust land primarily, but can also use for town land that has manageable levels of infestation. Considered areas to focus on; focus can be behind school to remove honeysuckle and phragmites. Field trip to happen after Labor Day, to determine ownership of various parcels of land (NLT, town owned, state owned) and assess level of invasive plant infestation. **Action Item:** Susannah and Libby to do map research. Everyone to propose dates for Field Trip in late September or October.

Solar Installation on Town Farm: Discussion of Field Trip to solar array for an inventory and possible plant salvage, prior to disturbance; John, Nash, Jill and Bill are interested. **Action Item:** John to speak with Matt about harvesting plants before construction. John and Nash will observe the premises of deforestation.

Adjourn: 6:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sam Williams, secretary

December 11th, 2022