

Norfolk Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 552, Norfolk CT 06058

Meeting Minutes (Special meeting) Monday, March 14, 2022

Attending: Libby Borden, Susannah Wood, Martha Klein, John Anderson, Samuel Williams

Absent: Nash Pradhan

Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 p.m.

Approve Previous Minutes: February Minutes Approved Unanimously.

Correspondence: No new mail; Susannah resubmitted missing minutes to the town to post on website.

Budget and Expenses: \$3250.00 No Changes.

Public comment period: No members of the public were present

Old Business

Road salt testing: Susannah will start water testing in April. Susannah inquired about the water testing company that Doolittle Lake Co. uses, no reply yet.

North Colebrook Rd./Road drainage: Susannah planning a site visit with 1st selectman.

NRI/ City Meadow: John working on a list of items for Aaron to complete for the second edition NRI. City Meadow committee meets next month.

- Discussion of Survey of town lands for specific uses and benefits. Discussion of distribution of educational pamphlets as well as education for town crew.
- Discussion of recommendations by Conservation Commission including educational materials and materials for our website.

ACTION ITEM: John will look into printing invasive informative pamphlets. Consider adding information to website.

Botelle school Wet Meadow: John to follow up with town regarding correct mowing regimen for wet meadow. The wet meadow should be mowed by June 1st to protect rare wildflowers nodding lady's tresses, fringed gentian, and grass of parnassus.

Village Green: Deferred

Pollinators: Pollinator Program was held on Feb. 26th via zoom. Article will appear in April Norfolk Now regarding "No Mow May".

Buttermilk Falls Park/Invasive Plants: Work day scheduled April 9th, 9am to 11am.

2022 Activities: Tracy Zarillo presentation in May on bumble bees.

Waste Reduction Activities: Composter give-away at native plant exchange in June.

Haystack Mountain EAB logging: Martha to draft response to DEEP Forester and will share.

ARPA Funding: Town Committee was established to consider how to spend ARPA Funds which are restricted.

ACTION ITEM: Commission members to submit ideas to Susannah for funding conservation projects such as invasive tree removal on Village Green.

ACTION ITEM: Susannah to talk to Matt regarding education for road crew.

New Business

Solar installation on town farm: Discussion ensued of size of forest clearing. Susannah to inquire with 1st selectman regarding size of acreage.

Adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Sam Williams

March 21, 2022