

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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes, Monday, Aug. 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Attending: John Anderson, Libby Borden, Martha Klein, Nash Pradhan, Sam Williams, Susannah Wood, Molly Ackerly, Jill Chase, Bill Ticineto.

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

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: July meeting minutes unanimously approved

Correspondence/ Budget and Expenses/ Public comment period:

No correspondence; Budget \$4,550; see below for public comment.

**Old Business**

Road salt testing: Discussed plan for future testing of local waters with road bypass.

North Colebrook Rd./ Road drainage: No update. Invasive plants along the roadside near town border with Colebrook.

NRI: John in contact with Aaron to finish NRI in the near future.

City Meadow: Nash and John discussed plastic in the Meadow needing removal in areas and field work sometime between late September and early October. Libby recommends making a schedule for planned updates and releasing to the public.

Village Green: Large Norway Maple noted in the Village Green. Nash plans to girdle.

Botelle School Wet Meadow: Test cutting Phragmites to see the difference in Fall.

Pollinators: Plentiful amount of Butterfly and Hummingbird sightings.

Buttermilk Falls Park/Invasive Plants: Discussion of future invasive plant removal.

2022 Activities: Should plan a Moth Night and invasive plant removal work day. **Action Item:** Martha will search for invasive information brochure to be put on town website.

Waste Reduction Activities: No updates.

Haystack Mountain EAB logging: Martha wrote a follow-up to DEEP regarding the deforestation on the mountain and will share with NCC for approval. The new Hazard Tree Mitigation Law in the state requires that DEEP notify the public of trees that are considered hazards and will be removed, by attaching a notice to the tree itself. To notify DEEP of a tree which is a heritage tree and should be preserved, email DEEP at:

[DEEP.Hazardtrees@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Hazardtrees@ct.gov).

## **New Business**

NLT 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:** Susannah will send the letter.

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.

Document of Chair Responsibilities & Other Role Responsibilities/ Recruit new members: Susannah making a document on what the Conservation Commission does. John and Nash both have recruited candidates.

Adjourn: 7:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sam Williams, secretary

August 23, 2022