

Minutes
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
3/13/23

Present: Susannah Wood, John Anderson, Libby Borden, Shelley Harms, Nash Pradhan, Bill Ticineto.
Public Guest: Marie Lowe.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence: Ayreslea Denny sent an email to members of the NCC, she questioned the distribution of the bluebird boxes at the city meadow. Nash obliged and redistributed them.

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: February minutes unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Marie Lowe would like the NCC to work with the Community Association regarding the Buttermilk falls project to remove more of the Norway Maples blocking the falls and will coordinate with Matt Riiska.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah coordinating testing.

Action Item: Susannah to set up more specific tests of streams with high readings with Rich Kessin and his colleague.

North Colebrook Road:

Action Item: NCC to monitor roadside of North Colebrook Road for success of town native plant seeding and any invasive issues. Susannah to remind Matt about removal of the dump pile across the stream from the staging area.

NRI: John is finishing final details - Preface and updating Contributors page. Nash confirmed we can distribute NOFA via print and NCC Facebook.

Action Item: John to distribute draft of NRI before the end of March.

Action Item: Susannah to work on preface with John.

Buttermilk Falls: Develop plan for Invasive removal. The town has funds to be used for invasive removal. A schedule needs to be addressed for continual maintenance.

Action Item: Shelley to contact arborist for estimates.

Action Item: Susannah to contact tree wardens Matt Klimkosky and Star Childs.

Action Item: In April NCC to mark trees to be removed

Village Green: Nothing new.

Invasive Plants: Joint project with the Land Trust and school.

Hartley met with Botelle principal, proposed "Good Plant/Bad Plant" talk with students.

Action Item: Bill to contact Hartley regarding invasive talk at school.

Pollinators: The idea of placing an ad in the Norfolk Now requesting volunteer to maintain the Botelle pollinator garden was put forth.

Action Item: Susannah to clear this with Matt before putting anything in Norfolk Now.

Norfolk Country Club: Nothing new. Learn about chemicals used and stored for lawn maintenance.

Action Item: Susannah to contact.

2023 Activities:

NCC presentation of the movie "Call of the Forest" at the Library

Very good turnout, many new faces attended.

Invasive plant outreach program: Confirm no scheduling conflicts for talk at the HUB. Currently scheduled for May 13th (Saturday).

Action Item: Bill to contact Jen at the HUB.

Free disposal of Invasive debris: Residents should not be charged for bringing Invasive debris to the burn pile at the transfer station.

Action Item: Bill to contact Matt.

NCC Friday night on the Green: Show with Environmental Magician. Alternate location at the library

Action Item: John to contact Magician.

Plant exchange: June Farmers market - tentative date June 24th.

Launch NRI: In June.

Norway maple removal project at Congregational Church: NCC will supply as promised some native maples to replace the Norway maples. Also NCC will supply some native perennials at the time of the invasive plant exchange.

Action Item: Shelley to coordinate with Nash

New Business: Shelley to take over outreach via Facebook from Susannah.

Action Item: Shelly needs to be confirmed as an Administrator.

Town removal of roadside ash trees: Raised issue of ash removal scheduled for this year throughout town. Concerns raised about cutting of trees during nesting season and whether there are tree removal firms that would be more environmentally aware.

Action Item: Shelley to call Northwest Conservation District re possible companies that do better work.

Action Item: Susannah to get from Matt what the plan is and to push for no logging in nesting season for birds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Next meeting 04/10/2023

Submitted by Bill Ticineto