Minutes
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
4/10/23

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

Public Guest: None

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

Correspondence: Susannah sent an email to members of the NCC to make them aware of the CT Recycling Conference on April 10th. .

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

Public Comment: None.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah coordinating testing with Rich Kessin and his colleague.
> **Action Item:** Susannah to continue working with Rich Kessin.

North Colebrook Road: Susannah contacted Matt regarding dump pile removal. Working to coordinate the timing of an excavator with another project.
> **Action Item:** Susannah to suggest "stop gap measure" - cover existing Knotweed with two layers of weighted black plastic.

NRI: John is finishing final edits.
> **Action Item:** John to distribute draft of NRI before the end of April.

Buttermilk Falls: NCC members to visit Buttermilk falls, mark for removal and replacement strategy. Matt Klimkosky wants to work with the NCC to develop plan for landscape management.
> **Action Item:** Nash to contact Marie for Sunday afternoon location meeting.
> **Action Item:** Susannah to contact NCC members with date and time once established.

Village Green: Current tree budget prioritizing Ash removal rather than Norway maples which places the Village Green low on the list.

Town removal of roadside Ash trees: Finish Doolittle area and Old Goshen Rd.
Other species of trees noted to be dangerous will be removed as well.

Invasive Plants: Joint project with the Land Trust and school. Should be hands on/interactive.
Action Item: Bill to contact Hartley regarding timing and ideas.

Pollinators: The idea of placing an ad in the Norfolk Now requesting volunteers to maintain the Botelle pollinator garden was put forth. The idea was cleared with Matt
> **Action Item:** Susannah to clear this with Botelle before placing ad in Norfolk Now.

Botelle meadow maintenance: Committed to hiring a landscaper to mow and maintain meadow. Use existing funds in budget (currently $5,000).

> **Action Item:** Nash to send Libby contact information of landscaper.
> **Action Item:** Libby to confirm with Molly.
> **Action Item:** Libby to tell Matt of progress.

2023 Activities:

NCC Friday night on the Green: Show with Environmental Magician. Additional ideas such as Moth Night proposed.

> **Action Item:** John to contact Magician and entomologists for Moth night.

Norway maple removal project at Congregational Church: The church is only interested in planting two Maples in May. The extra Maple to be planted at Town Hall.

> **Action Item:** Shelley to coordinate with Nash

NCC Facebook management: Shelley to take over outreach via Facebook from Susannah.

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

Invasive plant outreach program: Talk scheduled at the Hub on May 13th, Saturday at 11AM. An article has been submitted for the May issue of the Norfolk Now announcing the event.

Free disposal of Invasive debris: Residents should not be charged for bringing Invasive debris to the burn pile at the transfer station. No reply from Matt yet.

> **Action Item:** Bill to contact Matt.

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

Launch NRI: In June.

New Business:

Tobey Pond: Plastic debris is accumulating around the public beach and needs to be cleaned up.

> **Action Item:** Susannah to contact The Recreation Committee, Town Hall and Great Mountain Forest to address the problem.

Blue Bird houses: David Gurley has donated 20 bird boxes. NCC to install and map their locations.

> **Action Item:** Shelly to coordinate installation.
> **Action Item:** Susannah to contact Jack Beecher about installation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next meeting 05/08/2023

Submitted by Bill Ticineto