

Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
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Regular Meeting  
In Person Meeting at Town hall  
7/10/23

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

**Public Guest:** None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Review and approve minutes of last meeting:** June minutes unanimously approved.

**Budget and expenses:**

NRI Budget submitted to Town hall.

The printing overage of \$684 will come out of the NCC's upcoming fiscal year's budget.

Bluebird box hardware installation cost of \$779.57 will be submitted to Town hall by Shelley Harms.

**Public Comment:** None.

**NRI:** 100 printed copies to be available this month. Develop strategy to launch NRI using Farmers market and WIN (August 4>6, venue to be determined).

**Action Item:** John to contact Sue for norfolkct.org uploading.

**Action Item:** Libby, John and Susannah to coordinate launch details.

**Road Salt Testing:** Susannah will have completed testing by August.

**Action Item:** Susannah to continue working with Rich Kessin.

**North Colebrook Road:** Susannah and Bill to trim knotweed before it is covered with black plastic.

**Village Green:** Nothing new.

**Buttermilk Falls:** Nothing new

**Invasive shrubs along the Botelle/Ells Crane border:** Strategy is to start cutting. Who and when TBD.

**Action Item:** Susannah to coordinate with Libby.

**Botelle Garden:** Lisa Auclair has begun maintenance on pollinator garden.

**Action Item:** Nash and Susannah to review status of pollinators.

**Norfolk Country Club:** Susannah discussing Grant Mudge regarding sustainable planting and chemicals.

**Action Item:** Susannah to continue research.

## **2023 Activities:**

**Bluebird Boxes:** Pros and cons of various locations discussed - Schools, golf course, Yale music lands.

**Action Item:** Shelley to write Bluebird box article for Norfolk Now.

**Farmers Market Plant exchange:** Done - There was a good turn out despite rain, 12 natives were given away.

**Threats to insects talk:** Susannah to reschedule library slide show in the fall.

**Tobey Pond Clean up:** Done - A new rope has been installed, project is done and looks great!

**Friday night on the green:** Propose ideas for 2024 activities.

**Norway maple removal project at Congregational Church:** Done - Invasive Maples have been replaced with natives, Asters were also planted, pollinators appeared.

**NCC Facebook page:** Shelley would like more submissions to help increase awareness.

**City Meadow:** Matt's Landscaping continuing maintenance. Make people aware of progress.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Next meeting 08/14/2023 Submitted by Bill Ticineto