

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
9/11/23

Present: Susannah Wood, John Anderson, Bill Ticineto.

Public Guest: Ken Ludwig from the Norfolk VFD joined 17 minutes into the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: August "regular" and "special" minutes approved.

Budget and expenses:

Availability of funding and possible reallocation for programs and education discussed. Budget spreadsheet to be distributed to NCC members.

Action Item: Susannah to distribute via email.

Public Comment: Ken Ludwig stated that Town of Norfolk is responsible for the redevelopment of the Firehouse and providing boundary maps.

Action Item: Susannah to discuss with Linda Perkins the protocols for letting in the public to a zoom meeting, as there was some confusion over who Ken was at first.

Firehouse redevelopment: NCC attended the Inland Wetland public meeting on Sept 5th and submitted questions (see attached document).

The NCC would like to have the Town of Norfolk mark with flagging the outline of the new building perimeter on the ground. City Meadow planting boundaries need to be defined for planting and maintenance.

Action Item: Susannah to contact town hall again about this.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah completed August testing.

Action Item: Susannah to continue testing through November.

North Colebrook Road: Billy Gridley, Susannah and Bill cut and removed knotweed prior to covering with black plastic. Dumping on the roadside by public works needs to be curtailed. Inland Wetlands should be made aware of the issue.

Action Item: Susannah to call Town Hall to learn if black plastic is available. Alternately Nash may be able to provide plastic.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Inland Wetlands.

Village Green: Nash working with the Tree Committee to determine which trees should be removed and replaced. The meeting date is TBD.

Invasive shrubs along the Botelle/Ells Crane border: Strategy is to start clearing and cut stump application.

Action Item: Libby to contact Molly/Land Trust.

Botelle Garden: The garden is looking great, the NCC would like to encourage more native pollinator planting.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Libby with recommendations for Lisa Auclair.

Norfolk Country Club: Nothing new.

2023 Activities:

Bluebird Boxes: Nothing new

Action Item: Nash will raise the height of the City Meadow boxes.

Threats to insects talk: Susannah to schedule library slide show for January/February.

Invasive outreach program: Residents continue to sign up for on sight removal education.

Friends of the City Meadow: Invasive control costs are being developed as part of new proposal from Mike Nadeau.

Discussed having public volunteers work with NCC members to remove invasive plants.

John offering to do a walking tour of the meadow this fall to point out native plants that are already present

Beech tree disease out reach program: Educate public about diseases effecting Beech trees

Action Item: Susannah to arrange talk jointly sponsored by Great Mountain Forest and NCC at the HUB.

NRI launch: John looking into a winter talk at the library to educate Norfolk about the NRI. Motion to fund printing of an errata page for the NRI was approved.

NCC Meetings: The November 13th meeting will be in person at the HUB and via Zoom link.

Action Item: Shelley to send Zoom links for the October meeting

Action Item: Bill to confirm HUB access details.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Next regular meeting 10/09/2023 Submitted by Bill Ticineto