

Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
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Regular Meeting  
In Person & phone/audio Meeting  
11/13/2023

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

**Public Guest:** None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

**Correspondence:** Matt sent a letter to Susannah stating the town will be working with the DOT to replace bridges at Old Goshen road and Smith road which has been forwarded to the rest of the commission.

**Review and approve minutes of last meeting:** October minutes approved.

**Budget and expenses:** Nothing new, review in December meeting.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Zoom meeting protocol:** Susannah met with Town Hall and reviewed policy of working with the public.

**Firehouse redevelopment:** The Inland Wetlands Agency has approved the current plans with the understanding that Best Management Practices will be maintained.

**Road Salt Testing:** Susannah - ongoing testing will include testing of specific levels of various minerals and pollutants.

**Action Item:** Susannah - Spring testing for specific chemicals in Tobey brook, Norfolk Brook, North Colebrook road and wetlands threatened by road run off.

**North Colebrook Road:** Town road crew to remove debris next year. NCC will inquire about future removal, disposal practices and regulations.

**Action Item:** John to contact Hartley.

**Village Green:** Nothing new.

**Invasive shrubs along the Botelle/Ells Crane border:** Nothing new.

**Botelle Garden:** Nothing new.

**Norfolk Country Club:** Nothing new.

**Action Item:** Nash to relay to Susannah organic maintenance expert to send to Tracey Tucker, President of the Country Club board.

## 2024 Activities:

**Bluebird Boxes:** Four new boxes installed at the Country Club, all boxes have been deployed!

**Threats to insects talk:** Susannah to schedule library slide show for February - WIN weekend on Feb. 28th.

**Friends of the City Meadow:** A public meeting is being planned to discuss the goals and work strategy going forward. This will include invasive removal.

**Action Item:** John to distribute the proposal from Mike Nadeau when it includes invasive removal estimate.

**Beech tree disease talk:** A guest speaker will talk about Beech leaf disease, possibly in March.

**Action Item:** Susannah to arrange talk at the Library or HUB.

**PFAS talk:** A guest speaker will talk about PFAS legislation.

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**Light pollution talk:** A guest speaker will talk about negative effects of light pollution.

**Action Item:** John/Nash to arrange talk at the Library or HUB.

**NCC 2024 Meeting schedule:** Agreed to maintain the current 2nd Monday of the month, 6 -7 PM

**Action Item:** Susannah to submit schedule.

**Mountain Rd Perched pipe:** Aquarion needs to correct a drainage pipe that was improperly installed.

**Action Item:** Susannah to contact Matt and Hartley.

**Invasive outreach program:** Bill to give the Invasive removal talk at the HUB again, date TBD.

**NRI:** The is now available for purchase at National Iron Bank and the Library. Availability of the NRI will be promoted through the town newsletter.

**Meeting Schedule for 2024:** It was agreed unanimously to continue to meet on the second Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Next regular meeting 12/11/2023 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto 11/16/2023

*Bill Ticineto*