

**Conservation Commission, Town of Norfolk, P.O. Box 552, Norfolk, Connecticut 06058 Monthly Meeting Minutes, Monday, December 12th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Attending: Susannah Wood (Chair), John Anderson, Bill Ticineto, Samuel Williams (Secretary)

Review and approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved

Correspondence: The commission received 4 Postcards from “The Green Team” of the Congregational Church thanking us for our work.

Budget and Expenses: The budget is \$4,230. We are waiting for the NRI printing bill.

Public Comment: None

**Old Business**

Road salt testing: N/A

North Colebrook Rd./ Road drainage: Sandpile is still in same location, new road apron looks good.

NRI: Finishing just waiting for a few more comments. New fish data update with help from DEEP New England Database on stream connectivity. Should include vernal pools in Norfolk NRI book. John is open to recommendations and changes to Fish & Mammal data.

**Action Item:** Commission members to review recommendations and share any suggested additions or comments.

City Meadow: Nothing to report

Village Green: Nothing to report

Botelle School Wet Meadow: John noticed that the shrubs along the wet meadow border nearer to the soccer field are mostly invasives and the further to the south there are also native Alders. These should be marked before any clearing of invasives.

Pollinators: Susannah reported that her photograph of a yellow-banded bumblebee (*Bombus Terricola*) seen in Norfolk 2 Summers ago will be part of the CT atlas of bumblebees. This is a rare sighting in Litchfield County.

Buttermilk Falls Park/Invasive Plants: Nothing to report.  
Waste Reduction Activities: Nothing to report

Haystack Mountain EAB logging:

**Action Item:** Susannah to contact Katherine Freygang from the group in Salisbury that successfully changed DEEP policy on tree removal from state parks re who to approach about Haystack situation.

2023 Activities: To be discussed in January. Susannah has proposed a movie night to the library showing of "The Call of the Forest," about the environmental role forests play, especially old growth.

### **New Business**

Letter in favor of NLT application for an Open Space Grant

Invasive plant control project at edge of Botelle Wet Meadow and NLT Els Crane property

Meeting Adjourned: 6:47

Minutes submitted by Susannah Wood 2/21/23