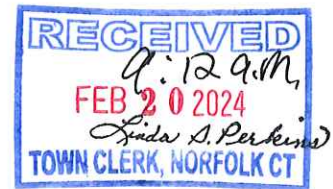


Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 552 Norfolk CT 06058
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
February 12, 2024



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

Public Guest: Jeanne Jones.

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

Correspondence: None.

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: January minutes approved.

Budget and expenses: Will discuss in March.

Public Comment: Jeanne Jones introduced the idea of a composting program at the transfer station. Residents would bring food waste scraps in specified containers to the transfer station. The scraps are picked up by a company that composts the waste into fertilizer. The environmental benefit is the reduction of methane emissions. The potential financial benefit is the decrease of weight that the transfer station pays for removal.

Action Item: Susannah will ask Jeanne Jones to present a report so the actual cost of the program is explained.

Firehouse redevelopment: Nothing new - the firehouse meeting has been delayed.

Road Salt Testing: Nothing new yet.

North Colebrook Road: Nothing new.

Action Item: Susannah to talk with Matt.

Norfolk Country Club: Nothing new.

2024 Activities:

Bluebird Boxes: The Great Backyard Bird Count at City Meadow event will meet at Robertson Plaza at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 17.

Friends of the City Meadow: New appointees have been designated. The town has received a \$110,000 anonymous gift for maintenance. Everyone expressed thanks for the generosity!

Invasive out reach program: Invasive plant removal talk at the HUB to be rescheduled to avoid overlap with trash clean up day.

Invasive of the month: Various media forms are being developed including printed fliers that can be inserted in the Norfolk Now.

Action Item: Bill to get costs for printing.

NRI: Promote the NRI via the Norfolk Now, The Hub, Norfolk website, etc.
Schedule talks with residents about the content of the NRI.

Action Item: John to arrange date.

Fill alternate slot at the NCC: A specific person of interest was discussed. The concern is if the person has the time to dedicate to being an active member.

Action Item: John and Nash will contact the person regarding commitment.

PFAS talk: Working with guest speaker Anne Hulick to arrange time and location.

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

Light pollution talk: March 7th, Thursday, 5:30 PM > 6:30 PM at the HUB

Threats to insects talk: April 6th, Saturday 4 PM - at the library.

Invasive outreach talk: date to be rescheduled.

Beech Leaf Disease talk: May 18th, Saturday 4 PM - at the library

Friday night on the Green sponsored by the NCC:

Action Item: Nash to contact Earth Tones about selling plants at the event.

Scheduling NCC events: Dates need to be coordinated to avoid conflicts.

Loon Meadow: Concern about deforesting and herbicide activity.

Invite Tree warden to attend an NCC meeting : Confirm status of who would attend.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next regular meeting March/11/2024 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto

February 13, 2024

Bill Ticineto