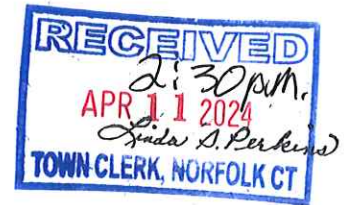


Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 552 Norfolk CT 06058  
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Regular Meeting  
Zoom Video Meeting  
April 8, 2024



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

**Public Guest:** None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Correspondence:** Jennifer Almquist is researching a trash composting facility for Norfolk.

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

**Budget and expenses:** The 2024 annual budget is the same as 2023

**Public Comment:** None

**Firehouse redevelopment:** Currently fund raising. Nothing new regarding the NCC.

**Road Salt Testing:** Water testing either April or early May.

**North Colebrook Road:** No town clean up work to be done due to budget constraints.

**Action Item:** Susannah to inspect knotweed remediation.

**Norfolk Country Club:** Nothing new.

**Composting program:** Jennifer Almquist and Jeanne Jones are researching solar-powered composting to offset municipal waste. Concerns are how local towns have managed funding along with the positive/negative impacts of the program.

**Connecticut's "nickel-per-nip" program:** State funds are added the general fund.

**Loon Meadow:** The North East corner of the logged property has an easement held by the Housatonic Valley Authority and activity should be monitored.

**Action Item:** John to contact HVA

**Solar Field Development:** Structural foundation work has begun.

**Action Item:** John to discuss planting with Cynthia Rabinowitz.

**2024 Activities:**

**Bluebird Boxes:** Nothing new.

**Friends of the City Meadow:** Potential for a controlled burn of invasive weeds.

**Action Item:** Nash to contact Matt.

**Light pollution:** P&Z has shown an interest in an audit of town lighting.

**Conservation Commission Spring Series Events:**

**Insects in Peril talk:** April 6th, Saturday 4 PM - Library.

**PFAS Zoom talk:** April 17th 5:30 .6:30 link TBD.

**Natural Resource Inventory Discussion:** April 25, Thursday 5:30 PM - Library

**Invasive outreach talk:** May 4th, Saturday 10 AM - HUB.

**Beech Leaf Disease talk:** May 18th, Saturday 4 PM - Library

**Friday night on the Green:** June 21st (TBD)

**Fill alternate slot at the NCC:** John is continuing discussion with a prospective person.

**Action Item:** John to invite them to an NCC meeting.

**Plant exchange:** Confirm available dates of either June 8th/15th

**Action Item:** Nash to contact Pride Nursery for plants.

**Friday night on the Green - Sponsored by the Great Mountain Forrest:**

Susannah and Bill will meet with Mike Zarfos of GMF. The NCC will have a booth promoting itself and native plants.

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

**Hall Meadow Brook clean-up:** The town may have heavy equipment available to remove debris from the area while they are making repairs.

**New Business**

**Wetlands Enforcement Officer:** The NCC would like to meet with new WEO, one concern is that pre-existing violations will be re-mediated.

**Action Item:** John and Susannah to contact the new WEO.

**Maple ave tree replacement:** Matt would like recommendations for tree varieties.

**Action Item:** Nash to contact Matt.

**NCC self promotion:** The NCC needs to make town residents aware of the projects we undertake. This includes inviting Commission & Committee members to meetings.

**Action Item:** Bill to cc additional groups with Agenda and Minutes.

**NCC Invasive Removal Team:** Organize a group of volunteers to remove invasive plants. Coordinate with the Land Trust, GMF etc.

**Action Item:** Susannah to contact Matt , CT Audubon, etc.

**Action Item:** John to contact the DOT, CIPWIG, HVA.

**Action Item:** Bill to work on recruiting.

**NRI edits:** John and Sue Frisch have made edits to the NRI, they will be available for download from the Town website.

**Replanting 10 Station Place:** Nash proposed replacing the Day Lilies with a pollinator garden.

**Action Item:** Nash to contact Matt.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto April 9, 2024 Bill Ticineto