

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
May 13, 2024



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

Public Guest: Becky Eaton.

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

Correspondence: None.

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

Budget and expenses: Nothing new.

Public Comment: None

Road Salt Testing: Water testing early May.

North Colebrook Road: Update ready for June NCC meeting.

Action Item: Susannah to inspect knotweed remediation

Composting program: Jeanne Jones is researching community composting. Jennifer Almquist is researching solar-powered composting.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Jeanne and Jennifer.

Loon Meadow: Easement is held by the Norfolk Land Trust and allows forestry.

Invite Tree warden to attend an NCC meeting:

Action Item: John to contact tree warden

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: Susannah and John to contact the new WEO.

Solar Field Development: Structural foundation work has begun.

Action Item: John to discuss planting with Cynthia Rabinowitz.

Maple ave tree replacement: Nash to recommend tree varieties this fall.

Action Item: Nash to contact Matt.

NCC self promotion: Invite other Commission & Committee members to meetings. Use social media to promote events and campaigns.

Action Item: Shelley, Susannah and Bill to start/continue posting.

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.

Replanting 10 Station Place: The area is private property.

Action Item: Nash and Susannah to contact Colleen Hellerman.

Friends of the City Meadow: A Special Meeting to discuss strategy has been scheduled.

Action Item: Libby to attend meeting.

Light pollution: NCC will draft a letter to P&Z. Reference NRI.

Action Item: Susannah to send letter to P&Z.

NRI of the month: Promote chapters of the NRI via the HUB eblast.

Action Item: Libby to contact Christal.

2024 Activities:

Conservation Commission Spring Series Events:

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

Friday night on the Green: GMF and NCC June 21st Activities - GMF - Identify trees in the green challenge. NCC - Plant exchange, Lindera Nursery plant sale and talk, Invasive table.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Mike regarding monetary contributions.

Moth Night: In development.

New Business

CT State Invasive Banned Plants: Organize a campaign to ban additional invasive plants.

Action Item: Shelley to coordinate and distribute text for letter writing campaign.

Special Meeting of Norfolk Organizations: There will be a chair meeting of The Land Trust, Rails To Trails, Conservation Commission, Great Mountain Forest, Church Green Team and Aton Forest. The goal is to encourage synergy between groups.

Headed by Cheryl Heller.

Rails to Trails: Rails to Trails has requested recommendations for planting and environmental concerns.

Action Item: Nash and John to contact.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto May 14, 2024 *Bill Ticineto*