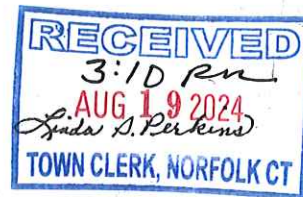


Minutes  
Norfolk Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 552 Norfolk CT 06058  
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Regular Meeting  
In Person at the HUB  
August 12, 2024



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

**Public Guest:** Lisa Darms.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Correspondence:** None.

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

**Budget and expenses:** Budget approved.

**Road Salt Testing:** Readings have been low, most likely due to heavy rain.

**North Colebrook Road:** Knotweed will be cut - late August/early September.

**Action Item:** Susannah and Bill to add more tarps and continue removal.

**Action Item:** Nash to obtain heavy duty black plastic.

**Composting program:** Jennifer Almquist - no progress.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer:** Stacey Sefcik has been appointed to the position.

**Action Item:** NCC to contact.

**Solar Field Development:** Contracted companies are not responding to inquiries.

**Action Item:** John to continue reaching out for contact information.

**NCC self-promotion:** Continue using social media to promote events and campaigns.

**Action Item:** NCC members to continue posting.

**NCC Invasive Removal Team:** Work with other Norfolk organizations and residents.

Organize a group of volunteers to remove invasive plants. Prioritize invasive locations.

Roadside areas are a major concern. The concept of an "Invasive Removal Day" in the future will be explored.

**Action Item:** Lisa Darms offered to write a Norfolk Now article about Knotweed.

**Replanting 10 Station Place with pollinator plants:** Colleen Hellerman showed interest in planting a pollinator garden.

**Action Item:** Nash to develop a planting plan.

**Friends of the City Meadow:** Matt's Landscaping has started removal of invasive plants and will present a plan for replanting with natives.

**Action Item:** Libby to distribute plan.

**Light pollution:** Susannah will send a letter to P&Z asking that the commission do a lighting analysis of town-owned lights referencing Leo Smith and DarkSky data.

**NRI chapter of the month - HUB email:** The HUB has agreed to work with the NCC on posting.

**Action Item:** John and Bill to work on content.

**Special Meeting of Norfolk Conservation Groups:**

A three part series of environmental programs to engage kids and residents is being developed. The goal is to raise awareness of both the beauty and challenges of our local environment. The program will begin on April 25th. The groups are seeking speakers, activities and funding.

**Action Item:** Susannah, Libby and Shelley will work with Cheryl Heller.

**Rails to Trails:** Nothing new. The NCC recommends that trail personnel complete a shrub ID workshop.

**Action Item:** Nash and John to pursue.

**Jumping Worms:** Susannah has scheduled a guest speaker to discuss the problem.

**Beech leaf disease:** Beech trees can be treated with the systemic fungicide "Reliant". The Connecticut land conservation council is offering funding for control.

**Action Item:** Contact Susannah if anyone wants instructions on how to use "Reliant."

**Stilt Grass on Route 272:** Organize removal of stiltgrass on Rt 272. Discuss prevention of future infestations.

**Action Item:** John to contact NCC members about availability.

**Action Item:** Becky to post on Facebook.

**2024 Activities:**

**Moth Night with GMF:** Saturday 7 PM, August 31st, at the Manor House Inn, 69 Maple Ave.

**Jumping Worm presentation:** with Dr. Annise Dobson from Yale School of the Environment - TBA

***New Business***

**The NCC WIN booth:** Despite the rain there was good interaction with residents.

**Purple Loosestrife is back:** Early removal plans were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto August 14, 2024 Bill Ticineto