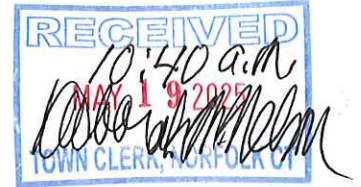


Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
In Person at the HUB
May 12, 2025



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

Public Guest: None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Correspondence: Renata Bertotti requested a link to view the Climate Core presentation. The link was sent on May 14th.

Budget and expenses: New budget report will be sent out.

Public comment: None.

Road Salt Testing: Will start this May.

NCC self-promotion: Becky has been working with Sue Frisch to promote the NCC and NRI on the Norfolk town website. NCC had a table set up for the Earth Forum and for Clean Up day. Funding for Facebook "Boosting" was requested from the budget.

Action Item: Becky to continue work with Sue.

NCC Invasive Removal Team: The Land Trust has money for invasive removal on its properties and wants to get input from the commission on what areas to target.

- Payment for maps needs to be arranged with Stacey of the HVA.

Action Item: Becky to contact Stacey.

- Get chemical list from Tom Zetterstom.

Action Item: Becky to contact Tom.

Planting 10 Station Place: Nash and Susannah had an on-site meeting.

Nash is working up a planting plan.

Action item: Nash planning a phase one for Colleen Hellerman.
Susannah to discuss with Colleen.

Friends of the City Meadow: Town voting for additional funding.

Action Item: Libby to continue fundraising.

Light pollution: Nothing new. The replacement for parking lot lighting for the units on Shepard Rd is currently too expensive. The commission to pursue working with P&Z to create a lighting survey. Refer to NRI recommendations.

Action Item: Susannah to continue working with Leo Smith of Dark Sky International on plans for lighting survey.

NRI chapter of the month: Nothing new. Concept needs development. Discussion ensued about taking NRI recommendations to the P&Z as part of their planning function.

Action Item: NCC members to explore timing and subjects for NRI chapters of the month.

Action Item: NCC members to review NRI recommendations.

Norfolk Conservation Consortium: Additional compensation for the Church of Christ was requested.

Motion: Shelley put forth a motion for the NCC to contribute an additional \$500 from our budget.

Motion Seconded by Susannah. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Rails to Trails recommendations: Nothing new. Permitting is ongoing, construction bids will follow.

Action Item: John to continue following.

Jumping worms: Nothing new. The talk by Annise Dobson was well attended.

Action Item: NCC members to make available information on safe mulch suppliers. Nash has mulch available from a safe source.

Beech leaf disease: Trees in Norfolk forests are dying. Susannah is applying a chemical treatment to her own trees per recommendation of Dr. Robert Marra of the CT Experimental Station.

Beaver Control: The NCC has requested the Beaver Institute to survey two sites – the town tennis court area and the intersection of Mountain and Westside Roads — where beaver flooding is causing problems. Troy has shown interest in working with the NCC.

Action Item: Susannah will let the commission know when the assessment will be.

Review Procedural Guidelines: Susannah emailed procedural guide-lines to NCC members for review. During the discussion the issue of updating the NRI map of protected property and 490 land to keep up with recent changes. Also completion of a list John started of town-owned lands and any possible conservation potential.

Action Item: Binders will be distributed to NCC members once editing is completed.

Beyond Plastics Presentation: Nothing New. Looking for an alternate speaker

Action Item: Susannah to contact Martha Klein.

Climate Core: The students will supply a final report. The NCC will consider a new topic for next years program.

CAWS Less Meyerhoff wetland scientist Grants: There is a small grant program with funds available for various projects. NCC should keep this in mind for the future.

Larry Weiner Zoom Video: About fighting invasive plants with native pollinators.

Action Item: John to check screening availability and timing.

GMF & NCC Willow to Baskets event: Use willow trimmings to make baskets.

Action Item: Bill to contact Vicki about a "Willow to Baskets" event.

NCC seed funding: The NCC would like to offer the town some of the funds remaining in this budget year for purchasing "Conservation Mix" seeds to be used on road edges following repair work.

Action Item: Becky to talk with Troy about feasibility.
Susannah and Becky to discuss with Matt.

Culvert report: Maps of culverts are available in Matt's office

Action Item: Susannah to ask to look at them.

2024 Activities:

HUB Talk - How to Identify and Remove Invasive Plants: Saturday May 17th 2:00 > 3:00

Friday Night on the Green: June 27th co-sponsor GMF: Mandalas

Moth Night: June 21st/ rain date June 28th co-sponsor GMF – presenter: Ray Simpson

Action Item: Bill working with GMF on graphics.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto May 16, 2025

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