

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
In Person at the HUB
June 9, 2025



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

Public Guest: None.

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

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

Correspondence: None.

Budget and expenses:

The new budget report was distributed.

Budgeting for the replanting of Station Place was discussed, responsibility for planting and maintenance costs need to be resolved.

Funding for the Plant Exchange was discussed.

Motion: Susannah put forth a motion to postpone Station Place planting. Funds would be used to purchase native plants for the Plant Exchange. Motion Seconded by Shelley. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Public comment: None.

Review Procedural Guidelines: Susannah will distribute the guidelines via email for a final review before printing and distribution.

Action Item: all NCC members are to review and submit comments.

Norfolk Conservation Consortium: The group will be meeting June 17th, 1:30 at the HUB to discuss future programs and events.

NCC seed funding: Disturbed areas could be replanted with native seed purchased by the NCC. John advises not mixing conservation seed mix with contractor mix per Matt's suggestion. Selective mowing needs to be discussed.

Action Item: Susannah to talk to Matt

Action Item: Becky to talk to Troy

Culvert report: Culverts maps are available in Matt's office and are available to the public.

Road Salt Testing: Nothing new.

Light pollution: Nothing new.

Beaver Control: Susannah met with John Egan from Beaver Solutions to discuss culvert protective fencing. This could save money by reducing clean up costs. Beaver Solutions will provide an estimate for installation.

Action Item: Becky will alert Troy to the culvert map availability.

Beech leaf disease: Susannah is monitoring her applying a chemical treatment to her own trees per recommendation of Dr. Robert Marra of the CT Experimental Station.

Replanting 10 Station Place: Costs for planting and maintenance needs to be resolved.

Action item: Susannah to pin down ownership of plot. Further discussion on maintenance at the next meeting when Nash can be present..

Friends of the City Meadow: Libby and George have started documenting the meadow to present progress and highlight areas of concern and the ownership of different sections, this will be posted on-line. Examples of successful wetland meadows will help the public understand the goal of the planting. A volunteer weeding program is in development.

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

Action Item: John to continue following.

Mapping and removal of invasive plants: Becky has been working with the Northwest Conservation District to organize a meeting of 13 local town road crews. The goal is to educate crews about the problem and solution of invasive plants. Date for meeting later in the summer.

NCC self-promotion: The July Invasive of the Month will be Multiflora Rose. The Plant Exchange will happen at the June 27th Friday Night on the Green.

Action Item: Bill to work with Nash and Laura(at the HUB).

Plastics Presentation: Nothing new.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Martha Klein for recommendation

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

Eric Kiviat: Lecture about Phragmites, summer date is TBD.

Action Item: John to check screening availability and timing.

GMF & NCC Willow to Baskets event: The time for this has passed.

Climate Core: Nothing New..

Jumping worms: Nothing new.

2025 Activities:

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

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto June 16, 2025

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