

# WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES  
Monday, June 24, 2024, 4:30 PM  
Town Hall

Call to Order at 4:30, no guests for introductions

Roll Call: Ralph Nimitz (co-chair leading mtg), Carol Macleod, Jane Quigley, Debbie Scranton

Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2024

Scheduling of Work Day for Stone Meadow: Wednesday, July 3, 10-12

Clear trail "Otter's Edge" along Otter Creek from boat launch south, weed Rain Garden, clean up tree identification signs (R. Nimitz has extra signs on paper that would need laminating), mowing/weed-whacking as needed. Area off Beach Road might need a sign called "Tree Walk" and need cleaning trails, as it is a special area to visit.

Review/Sign-Off on WCC Mission Statement ("Protect Wallingford's land, water, air, and biodiversity.")

We decide to evaluate, refine or augment this statement at our next meeting, or leave as is, as we all (present and future members) need to sign the statement.

(The Mission Statement, above, is referenced in the August 28, 2023 WCC Minutes, as presented to the Selectboard for approval in September, 2023.)

Bees at Stone Meadow

New bees have been introduced, and J. Quigley is going to check the hives tomorrow to see if there needs to be a new medium size super. J. Quigley and C. Macleod are going tomorrow to extract honey and fill jars in preparation for honey sales for Wallingford Day, July 20, with direct sales from 9:30-1:00 at the library.

D. Scranton brought an article from the Rutland Herald (undated) on the introduction of the bee hives, and also spoke to Marc Pramuk, former chair of the WCC and the first official bee keeper at Stone Meadow. He said that the VLCT walked Stone Meadow and this state group selected the current site. They have returned in recent years and suggested adding additional signage, and also an outside fence, which the WCC did.

Budget

C. Macleod reported \$2023 in our CD from volunteer work at Stone Meadow by VCS. We have \$2500 for the year starting July 1.

J. Quigley reported on the Japanese Knotweed eradication project at the corner of Route 140 and Waldo Lane. This project took out the invasive knotweed, which now must be burned. The project is likely 4-5 years in duration, consists of removal of knotweed, covering with tarps, then mulch, secured by tires. TruTemper gave gratis 4.5 loads of mulch, with 3 more loads ordered. The WCC voted to pay for the additional 3 loads of mulch out of our upcoming budget.

Old/New Business

D Scranton had the original 2003 letter to the Selectboard about forming the WCC and its mission statement, and membership. The WCC was officially a commission in 2004 so this is its 20th year. We might want to do a special event, and/or make a poster showing Before and After photos of Stone Meadow to illustrate the work done by the WCC over many years to improve town property at Stone Meadow for the benefit of all.

Adjourned at 5:12 PM. Next meeting will be Monday, July 22, 2024 at 4:30. Stone Meadow, or Town Hall, weather permitting.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton