

**Conservation Commission, Town of Norfolk, P.O. Box 552, Norfolk, Connecticut 06058
Monthly Meeting Minutes, Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Meeting Call to Order: 6:04

Attending: Susannah Wood (Chair), John Anderson, Libby Borden, Nash Pradhan, Samuel Williams (Secretary)

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: September Minutes Approved

Correspondence/ Budget and Expenses/ Public comment period: No Change in Correspondence or Budget.

Old Business

Road salt testing: No Change

North Colebrook Rd./ Road drainage: No Change

NRI: John is closing down on finishing NRI Adjustments. Currently gathering information from professionals to add comments on animal and plant life. Current plan is to print new NRI shortly after Thanksgiving.

City Meadow: Nash comments that the most preferable time to mow is between July and Early April for the least impact on insects.

Village Green: No Change

Botelle School Wet Meadow: Most preferable time to mow in early June to not disturb wild flower growth yet focus on Buckthorn and Purple Loosestrife. The Land Trust is looking for a contractor for invasive removal.

Note: John announced the possibility of educating students at Botelle on invasive plants.

Pollinators: Out of Season

Buttermilk Falls Park/Invasive Plants: Conservation Commission to talk with Matt Riiska invasive plant (including mowing goutweed) and Norway Maple removal next spring.

2022 Activities: Nothing new scheduled

New Business

NLT/ North Swamp requested that NCC send a letter in support of their application for a DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition grant to purchase an 82-acre parcel on Lover's Lane bordering Barbour Woods. NCC unanimously voted to support.

Discussion of donation to NLT to assist with invasive plant removal with NCC participation. Molly recommends removing invasives on Land Trust land primarily, but can also use for town land that has manageable levels of infestation. Libby, John, Nash and Susannah reported on the field trip to North Swamp and the Botelle wet meadow. Conservation Commission and the Land Trust will concentrate on buckthorn removal along the border between the wet meadow and the Ells Crane preserve.

Action Item: John and Susannah to visit the site and mark any native trees or shrubs that should be left.

Solar Installation on Town Farm: Discussion of Field Trip to solar array for an inventory and possible plant salvage, prior to disturbance; John, Nash, Jill and Bill are interested.

Action Item: John to speak with Matt about harvesting plants before construction. John and Nash will visit the area to be cut and see what can be salvaged.

Document of Chair Responsibilities & Other Role Responsibilities/ Recruit new members: Susannah made a document on what the Conservation Commission does. No sure new recruits to Norfolk Conservation Commission.

Adjourn: 6:49 (Zoom Meeting Automatically Cut Off Early) Minutes submitted by Sam Williams, secretary