

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
Zoom Video Meeting
5/8/23



Present: Susannah Wood, John Anderson, Libby Borden, Nash Pradhan, Rick Hann, Bill Ticineto.

Public Guest: None.

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

Correspondence: None.

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

Public Comment: None.

Introduction of Rick Hann, a potential new NCC member.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah has begun testing, looking into test

Action Item: Susannah to continue working with Rich Kessin.

North Colebrook Road: Susannah contacted Matt regarding knotweed removal.

Action Item: Susannah to trim knotweed before it gets covered with black plastic.

NRI: John has distributed a draft for review before printing. Needs comments/revisions this week.
Concern about copyright protection discussed.

Action Item: John will apply revisions if necessary.

Village Green: Nothing new.

Buttermilk Falls: NCC members marked areas for monitoring.

Action Item: Nash to review with Marie if requested.

Invasive shrubs along the Botelle/Ells Crane border: Strategy is to start cutting late summer.

Action Item: Nash to send Libby contact information of landscaper.

Action Item: Libby to confirm with Molly.

Action Item: Libby to tell Matt of progress

Botelle Garden: Norfolk Farmers Market members have volunteered to help maintain the Botelle pollinator garden. Still looking for more volunteers.

Action Item: Nash to coordinate with Lisa Auclair regarding beds where pollinator species are planted.

Norfolk Country Club: Susannah has contacted Grant Mudge regarding chemical use.

Action Item: Susannah to continue research.

2023 Activities:

Invasive plant outreach program: Bill to give a talk on invasive plants and how to remove them. Scheduled at the Hub on May 13th, Saturday at 11AM.

Free disposal of Invasive debris: Matt agreed to allow *Norfolk residents* to dispose of Invasive debris at the transfer station burn pile. Nothing over 3" in diameter. The fee is not waived for landscape contractors.

Threats to insects talk: Susannah to present a slide show at the Library on May 18th, Thursday at 5:30.

Farmers Market Plant exchange: Scheduled for June 24th.

NRI launch event: Develop plan for event, possibly in June.

Action Item: Libby, John and Susannah to meet.

Bluebird boxes: Boxes have been installed at the South cemetery. Shelly wants to install more at the Music Festival meadow. Permission from Yale still pending. There are budget concerns to resolve.

Friends of the Meadow: Multiple groups need to coordinate ongoing the efforts to make the meadow a useful attractive and welcome destination for the town. Plans for maintenance need to be addressed by Matt.

Tobey Pond Clean up: Susannah contacted Matt and Great Mountain Forest, the town crew has agreed to clean up the rope for the swimming area, which is disintegrating on the beach. A new rope will be acquired.

NCC Facebook management: Shelly has been confirmed as an Administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Next meeting 06/12/2023 Submitted by Bill Ticineto