

Minutes
Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
In Person Meeting at Town hall
7/10/23



Present: Susannah Wood, Shelley Harms, John Anderson, Nash Pradhan, Bill Ticineto.

Public Guest: None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

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

Budget and expenses:

NRI Budget submitted to Town hall.

The printing overage of \$684 will come out of the NCC's upcoming fiscal year's budget.

Bluebird box hardware installation cost of \$779.57 will be submitted to Town hall by Shelley Harms.

Public Comment: None.

NRI: 100 printed copies to be available this month. Develop strategy to launch NRI using Farmers market and WIN (August 4>6, venue to be determined).

Action Item: John to contact Sue for norfolkct.org uploading.

Action Item: Libby, John and Susannah to coordinate launch details.

Road Salt Testing: Susannah will have completed testing by August.

Action Item: Susannah to continue working with Rich Kessin.

North Colebrook Road: Susannah and Bill to trim knotweed before it is covered with black plastic.

Village Green: Nothing new.

Buttermilk Falls: Nothing new

Invasive shrubs along the Botelle/Ells Crane border: Strategy is to start cutting. Who and when TBD.

Action Item: Susannah to coordinate with Libby.

Botelle Garden: Lisa Auclair has begun maintenance on pollinator garden.

Action Item: Nash and Susannah to review status of pollinators.

Norfolk Country Club: Susannah discussing Grant Mudge regarding sustainable planting and chemicals.

Action Item: Susannah to continue research.

2023 Activities:

Bluebird Boxes: Pros and cons of various locations discussed - Schools, golf course, Yale music lands.

Action Item: Shelley to write Bluebird box article for Norfolk Now.

Farmers Market Plant exchange: Done - There was a good turn out despite rain, 12 natives were given away.

Threats to insects talk: Susannah to reschedule library slide show in the fall.

Tobey Pond Clean up: Done - A new rope has been installed, project is done and looks great!

Friday night on the green: Propose ideas for 2024 activities.

Norway maple removal project at Congregational Church: Done - Invasive Maples have been replaced with natives, Asters were also planted, pollinators appeared.

NCC Facebook page: Shelley would like more submissions to help increase awareness.

City Meadow: Matt's Landscaping continuing maintenance. Make people aware of progress.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Next meeting 08/14/2023 Submitted by Bill Ticineto