



## Norfolk Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

P.O. Box 552, Norfolk CT 06058

**Date:** Monday, February 9, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** In-person meeting with remote participation option

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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### Present (in person):

- Susannah Wood, Chair
- Becky Eaton
- Bill Ticineto
- John Anderson
- Billy Gridley, member of the public

### Absent:

- Nash Pradhan
- Libby Borden

A quorum was present.

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**Review and approve minutes:** The minutes were approved as amended (I didn't catch who moved and who seconded)

**Correspondence:** Susannah mentioned she had sent correspondence from Vicky MacLean re: approval of stilt grass removal on the Fox property. Also that the commission received a query from a Williams student re: summer volunteer opportunities.

**Public Comment:** none

**Budget:** Native Habitat Restoration bill for Japanese knotweed treatment has been paid, leaving \$1,050 in the invasive species budget.

### **Invasive Plant Management and Native Planting Initiatives/Mowing and Maintenance**

#### **Action Item:**

- Becky to continue following up on Japanese stiltgrass treatment options including pre-emergent spray, blowtorching and agricultural vinegar. She will continue trying to reach Todd Mervash as well as Christian Allyn for early treatments and exploring the idea of a workshop on how to use a blowtorch for control.
  - Becky will follow up with Jess Toro on maybe scheduling a talk in April aimed at landowners and especially those with easements.
  - Becky to continue to work on maintenance guidelines on mowing (and beaver control) for road crew with input from Hartley and Nash
  - Susannah to send map of Lovers Lane stiltgrass area to Vicky MacLean
  - John to look into certification for being a chemical applicator
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### **Norfolk Nature Alliance**

- Susannah will discuss shared sponsorship for possible speaker from Helia at next NNA meeting 2/17/26

### **Botelle School Meadow/Seed Funding**

#### **Action Item:**

- Susannah to submit request to the AKC foundation for \$2000 to help fund plantings/seeding of areas cleared of invasives and also to continue to try and contact Dan Stanyon at NBT re Evan Hughes fund.

### **Road Salt Testing**

#### **Action Item:**

- Susannah to order new materials as needed and meet with Bill in March re: protocols

### **NCC Self Promotion**

- Bill to continue spreading the word about WIN weekend native flower seed give away event 10-2 at the Hub.

- Susannah to contact Norfolk Now about possible article on bareroot plants and why they are an environmentally friendly and more affordable alternative.

## **Membership**

### **Action Items:**

- Susannah to reach continue reaching out to Noel Jenkins
- Libby to speak with new head of EDC, Brett Robbins, about possible candidates
- Susannah to speak with Bevan Ramsay and Eliza Little for any ideas they might have

## **2026 Programs, Speakers, and Events**

- a June moth-focused program in GMF with Ray Simpson 6/26; rain date 6/27
- with GMF Friday Night on the Green in **August 8/21**
- presentation by Hank Gruner focusing on wet meadows 3/9 as the Hub
- FYI non-NCC event in Sharon, 2/21/26 at 10: Tom Zetterstrom and Mike Nadeau on Heroes and Villains of the plant world

### **Action Items:**

- Bill to send out Gruner presentation info to regular sites for PR and send to Hartley and Selectmen's office
- John to follow up with Nash re: compost tea talk

## **New Business**

### **Action Items:**

- Susannah to look into liability issues when having a volunteer working with the commission
  - Becky to look into volunteer recruitment strategies of New Hartford Land Trust
  - John to attend re-invigorated Tree Committee meeting next week and report back
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## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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