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WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Room 315, Town Hall

45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, Sept. 14, 2023

2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A. Tyler Mill Preserve

1. Stewards of Tyler Mill, Co-Chairs Monthly Report, D. Saunders & D. Lendler
2. Daily Permit Hunting - season opening, Oct. 21
3. Closure of unpermitted trail on Morris Rock - status of maintenance work
4. Eradication of invasive plants - contract work, D. Saunders
 - a. Vegetation clearing
 - b. Japanese knotweed
 - c. Trees of Heaven
5. Mapping, staff
6. Removal of Interpretive Trail – status of approved work
7. Kiosk by closed bridge - discussion of location & wetlands permitting
8. Extension of Pink Trail by installation of blazing on existing unnamed trail - status of approved work
9. Mowing equipment
10. Other reports

B. Fresh Meadows

1. Mowing – status
2. Eradication of invasive plants - contract work, staff
 - a. Japanese knotweed
 - b. Trees of Heaven
3. Tessa's Trail - maintenance

C. Ferguson Woods

1. Re-blazing to eliminate 'piggy-backing' – status of approved work
2. Proposal submitted to Parks & Recreation Director by S. Gray for kiosk – location, design, cost of materials, revised map – status
3. Proposal submitted to Parks & Recreation Director for re-routing portion of trail off private property with associated relocation of proposed bog-bridge – status of permitting, Director's approval & work

D. Bertini Park

1. Proposal submitted to Parks & Recreation Director by C. Makepeace regarding correction of various trail issues – status of Director's approval and work

E. Beseck Mountain

1. Field report - C. Makepeace & E. Severson
2. Contracted work, staff
3. Proposal for kiosk
4. Cliffside Trail – maintenance, staff
5. National Scenic Trail signage – status
6. Trail signage (Town property boundaries) – status

F. Wharton Brook/Doolittle Park

1. Proposed kiosk location, staff

G. Wallace Dam, Quinnipiac River

1. Tree maintenance work – report, staff

3. PROPERTY STEWARDSHIP & MONITORING REPORTS**A. Marcus Cooke Memorial Park, E. Severson**

- B. Reports for November Meeting:** Cooke Rd. (#5A), D. Saunders; Whirlwind Hill/Scard Rd & 1254 Whirlwind Hill Rd., D. Lendler, 205 Main St., Yalesville, B. Sammis; Wharton Brook/Doolittle Park, staff

4. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM**A. Field 20A - Contractual work proposal, staff****B. Farmland Lease Committee**

1. Committee Meeting, Oct. 12, 5:00 p.m.
2. Field Monitoring Reports
3. Revisions to 'General & Field Specific Restrictions/Requirements' in leases
4. Recommended 5-year lease extensions
5. Draft proposals for fall bids

5. PURCHASED SERVICES - NATURAL RESOURCES FY 23-24

- A. Invasive plant species eradication – several properties**
- B. Wharton Brook floodplain informational signage/brochure**
- C. Other**

6. MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL FEES

- A. CFPA - membership dues**
- B. CT Butterfly Association - membership dues**
- C. CT Land Conservation Council - membership dues**
- D. CACIWC - membership dues**

7. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 138 Williams Road property – Town Council Meeting, Sept. 26 , Agreement & DEEP grant application, submitted by Water Division, Oct. 2 - Chair Miller & J. Borne**
- B. Trails Work Group –TWG information not discussed above, D. Lendler**
- C. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: SCRCOG's "Climate Planning Stakeholder Workshop", Aug. 29 – report, staff**
- D. CFPA correspondence, email, dated 8/11/23, re: foundation document**
- E. CIRCA factsheet – Conservation Commissions & climate change/resiliency**
- F. CT Butterfly Association, newsletter, Summer 2023**
- G. CFPA - magazine, CT Woodlands, Fall 2023**

8. NEXT MEETING – Nov. 9, 2023**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Individuals in need of auxiliary aids for the effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Wallingford are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator at 203-294-2070 five days prior.