



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wallingford Town Hall
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

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REGULAR MEETING

**Room 315, Town Hall
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT**

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting, Jan. 13, 2022 – cancelled
- B. Regular Meeting, Feb. 10, 2022 – cancelled
- C. Special Meeting, Feb. 17, 2022

2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A. Tyler Mill Preserve

- 1. Stewards of Tyler Mill – report, D. Saunders & D. Lendler
- 2. Bat boxes - installation
- 3. Green Trail repair & footbridge - report
- 4. Kiosk signage – additional language and map pedestal
- 5. Other reports

B. Fresh Meadows

- 1. Peninsula by southern parking area entrance
- 2. Trail stone dust restoration & storm Ida trail bed damage - update
- 3. Dogwood tree replacement
- 4. Aquatic invasive plant – request for study
- 5. Other

C. 205 Main Street open space property

- 1. Trespass fencing - update

D. Beseck Meadows

- 1. Bamboo – cutting & private encroachment by bamboo – update
- 2. Access road erosion, minor dumping, vegetation by gate

E. Beseck Mountain

- 1. Cliffside Drive trail – restrict ATVs – update
- 2. Yard waste dumping

F. Praegmann Park – fence repair

G. Grieb Trail/Spring Lake open space property – report, staff

H. Use of FY 21-22 Professional Services - Natural Resources funds

- 1. Proactive studies to support future grant application opportunities
- 3. Management of Conservation Areas adjacent to farmland lease areas – vendors
- 4. Turtle Protection Plan
- 5. Bog Bridge Construction/Installation
- 6. Benches
- 7. Other

I. Bluebird Nesting Boxes – installations & locations

J. Other properties

3. PROPERTY MONITORING – APRIL REPORTING

- A. Bertini Park - J. Lathrop
- B. Beseck Meadow - M. Miller

- C. Cliffside Drive - C. Arsenault
 - D. Tyler Mill Preserve - D. Saunders & D. Lendler
4. **BUDGET FY 22-23**
- A. Proposed Professional Services - Natural Resources expenditure
 - B. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget, Council Chambers, April 11, 6:00 p.m.
 - C. Town Council Budget Hearing (Conservation Commission), Council Chambers, April 28, 6:30 p.m.
5. **TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT, J. Lathrop**
6. **COMMITTEE ROLES**
7. **PROJECTS FOR VOLUNTEERS**
8. **FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM**
- A. Farmland Lease Committee
 - 1. Compliance with lease terms
 - 2. Conservation management by contractors
 - B. Field 1A, No. Branford Rd. – conservation maintenance issue
 - C. Field 1C & 1D, No. Branford Rd. – vehicle trespass issue
 - D. Field 7A, Northford Rd. – hunter parking proposal
 - E. Fields 7B, 7C, 7D, off Anderson Rd. - gate
 - F. Field 18A, 995 C East Center St. - Eversource Transmission Upgrade Project
 - G. Other
9. **OFFICIAL OPEN SPACE MAP – review revised/updated map**
10. **REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
- A. Climate change relative to recent grant application & CT Preservation Trust zoom, staff
 - B. Open Space Resources Management Fund – account status, staff
 - C. Farm River Greenway – notice, staff
 - D. CFPA magazine, *CT Woodlands*, Winter 2022
 - E. CT Farmland Trust, news alert re: webinars, “Ask An Expert” (forwarded to Commission via email)
 - F. CT Association of Wetlands Scientists (Virtual) Conference, 3/9/22 (notice forwarded to Commission via email) – staff report
 - G. CT Botanical Society;- 2022 Spring Meeting, Sat. Apr. 16, 9:30 a.m., Haddam, CT
 - H. DEEP magazine, *CT Wildlife*, January/February 2022; received 3/29/22
 - I. CT Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. (CACWIC) – magazine, *The Habitat*, Winter 2022, (digital/on website); email notice received 3/29/22
 - J. CFPA magazine, *CT Woodlands*, Spring 2022, received 3/29/22
 - K. CFPA newsletter, *Rock, Root & Trail*, Mar. 2022, received 3/31/22
11. **NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2022**
12. **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.