

Conservation_Minutes_7.28.2022

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Marli Rabinowitz, Bill Jewell, Steve Soszynski, Anne Montgomery, Susan Bonthron, Karen Murphy
Not attending: Bevan Quinn
Public: Dave Eastman, Julie Holland (Planning Commission)

Meeting called to order at 5:34.
There were no adjustments to the agenda.

On motion the minutes from June 16 unanimously accepted.
Actions steps from June 16 were reviewed.

Natural Resources Update: Linda Hecker will be in contact with Patti Smith.
Review Weeks Forest Carriage Trail work:

The June meeting was held at the Carriage trail. The commission members and Julie Holland worked hard on removing invasive plant species. Previously a new mailbox was installed at the end of the trail. Susan Bonthron made a beautiful register to put in the box and since then many trail walkers have added their observations and comments.

More recently a large maple fell across the trail and with quick work Steve Soszynski and Chuck Clark were able to process it and push it to the side. Chuck very generously donated his time and expertise.

Replacing the dead elm tree near the town office:
The Allen Brothers will be delivering a new elm tree on August 5th and with the help of the road crew and commission members it will be installed after the old one is removed.

Strategic Planning for the next 2-5 years:
Members spent the rest of the meeting identifying priorities from the Land Use and Natural Resources section of the town plan that are the responsibility of the GCC. The discussion will continue at the August meeting.

Collaborations:
Guilford Historical Society mapping project:
A site on Borkowski Road was documented recently and will be added to the database once it is fully developed.

Green River Watershed Alliance:
Linda Lembke reported that a brochure describing the Green River watershed will be printed soon and will be sent to residents in Guilford, Halifax and Marlboro who live in the watershed.

Shared items of interest:
The Connecticut River Conservancy announced Riverfest Weekend and the New England Paddlesports Championship 2022 on August 6-7.

The Next meeting is August 18th at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Murphy
Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission