

## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 6:00 PM – WESTFORD GAZEBO (weather permitting; Town Office if not)

#### 6:00 pm

- Review and Approval of August meeting minutes – Moved by SEP, Seconded by KT, Unanimous approval.
- Changes to Agenda – (1) discussion of river plantings + pollinator garden (2) funding search for wildlife monitoring in Maple Shade Town Forest, (3) Halloween common event

#### 6:05 pm

- Public Comment
  - Dale Rodgers:
    - New dog waste person needed ASAP.
    - Transfer of purchasing process for bulk bags, sourcing.
    - RKT to find dog poop announcement and copy/paste search
    - Concerns about race course proposed for October 5K at school trails
      - Ankle/knee twisters, wet riverside north patch
    - Nordic center snow machine needs parts and love, or sell to help offset new machine.
  - Jamie Hazen email: Concern about width of Goodrich trail width at Repa road end, as it allows illegal offroad vehicle activity
    - This pass was a once every 2-3 year cut, will cut smaller amounts periodically.

#### 6:15 – Trail Updates

- October trail clean-up day
  - Maple Shade Town Forest, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 school parking
  - RKT to post FPF
  - Loppers, rakes, blaze orange
- Water areas on school trails – boardwalk
  - ER and Dale Rodgers to purchase and add puncheons for wet spots
  - ER to organize with DR
- Kiosks?
  - Single Kiosk for Shultz and Goodrich
  - Kiosk for Seymore on Kilburn
    - Need to check with John from Road Dept about placement
    - SEP to revisit with Selectboard

- SEP to email Vicky to ask if they want signage to prevent accident hikers on their driveway.
- RKT to give SEP arrow for trail turn
- JF to update Maple Shade Map, and get it reprinted
- ER to send JF image of Maple Shade

### 6:30

- Budget Requests - Draft review and approval
  - ER motioned, SEP seconded, unanimous approval
- Annual Report – Draft review and approval
  - SEP to add paragraph of gratitude to Dale Rodgers
  - ER motioned, RKT seconded, unanimous approval
- Wastewater statement
  - RKT to augment with points about maple shade purchase, cleaner soils, and available funds, and circulate to SEP
  - SEP to ask Pat Haller/Melissa about beneficiary of the statement
- ARPA – Phase 2 Application Update
  - Successfully submitted!
- October 5K at school trails
  - Eliciting trail run rather than 5k
  - Concerns about race course proposed for October 5K at school trails
  - Ankle/knee twisters, wet riverside north patch
  - Dale Rodgers (member of the public) has been deputized to talk to race coordinator, SEP to coordinate

### 6:50 – Other business

- Newsletter Items (Due Monday Sept 26 at noon)
  - Hunting reminder
  - Trail cleanup day
  - Fall hunting seasons
  - Search for dog waste bag
- Work with PC/DRB on conservation
  - When development happens, add some requirements about land, soil, and water conservation
  - SEP to draft email Melissa about WCC participation in subdivision development
- Discussion of river plantings + pollinator garden
  - Pollinator garden, working with Bee the change wants to meet next week to plan location and species.

- RKT to meet with them TBD
- Probably too busy to do it this year, but should be able to go in the spring
- River planting, Winooski River Valley District are interested in helping next year to add native species for bank stabilization, to potentially do in the spring
- Funding search for wildlife monitoring in Maple Shade Town Forest
  - ER working with UVM and state folks to figure out funding options
  - WCC support and approval

7:07pm Adjourn (ER motioned, SEP seconded, unanimous approval)