

WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2023 6:00 PM – WESTFORD GAZEBO

Sarah Pinto, Joel Fay, and Elias Rosenblatt in attendance

Members of the public: Dale Rodgers

6:00 pm

- Review and Approval of May meeting minutes
 - SEP motioned, JF seconded, all approved.
- Changes to Agenda
 - ER adding Bee the Change updates

6:05 pm

- Public Comment
 - Dale Rogers had questions about status of trail passport installation, mainly status and interest in helping to install boxes.

6:10 pm

- ARPA Shed update
 - Site has been cleared of trees and marked, last step before moving forward is completing stump removal.
 - SEP to email Evan Aiken about removing stumps at shed site
- Revised trail clean-up – trouble spots
 - May need to rake and focus on Maple Shade overlook trail
 - Need to move cut trees from chainsaw training area behind school
 - General clean up
 - Right now, tentative date 6/24 but may need to postpone
 - Priorities include clearing downed trees and weed-whacking Schultz and Goodrich trails.
- Seymour has been cleared of downed trees

6:45 – Passport program

- Plan is still to have boxes installed for 4th of July.
- SEP to email Vicky Ross about coordination about passport program

6:55 – Other business

- Newsletter Items
 - Tick reminders
 - WNRC posting, try to get sprucing up advertisement so it's a fresh item.

- Advertise volunteer opportunities with helping with dog bag replacements.
 - Thank people for using dog bags, but reminder to carry out bags.
- Schedule July meeting
- SEP to email Bird Diva about potential birding walks.
- Discussed switching to blazing instead of sign tags
 - May require more maintenance, but less invasive
 - Concerns raised about making sure that blaze paint color does not confuse prescribed cuts in areas with active forestry.
- Progress on trail kiosks - SEP to email Selectboard schultz trail kiosk
- Bee the change work has yet to start, and KT will keep WCC updated on their progress.