

Conservation_Minutes_August 19, 2021

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Marli Rabinowitz, Bill Jewell, Bevan Quinn, Steve Sosyzinski, Anne Montgomery, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Michael Becker, Susan Bonthron

Public: Dave Eastman, Richard Austin

Meeting called to order at 5:35 in the outside school structure.

Minutes from July 15 unanimously accepted.

Action Steps:

We gave a heartfelt thank you to Bevan, Dave, and Steve for the new bridge on the Weeks Forest Carriage Trail. Thanks also to MT3 for the help with the installation. The three new trees look fine. We set up a watering schedule for September if necessary.

Town Plan: A working group finalized the Land Use section of the town plan. It's new wording should be useful for applying for grants and documentation for any Act 250 permits.

The natural resource section of the town plan is almost complete. A set of maps will be added.

Invasives Patrol: Karen removed Some wild parsnip (*Pastinaca Sativa*) growing near the parking area of the Carriage Trail. Bill thinks that there may be Rock Snot (*Didymo*) near the Sweet Pond dam. All have been noticing the increase of Purple Loosestrife.

We discussed possible large grants that are available for trail development but we need to come up with a specific plan to apply. We can possibly work with the Recreation Commission for application next year.

Tree Walks:

The Cemetery Hill to Bullock Drive was deemed a success. There are many very old maples along the road along with basswood and hop hornbeam.

The next walk around Sweet Pond is scheduled for September 19th.

AVCC Virtual Fall Conferences:

Linda H has sent out the schedule to register for any of the five webinar series.

Collaboration Updates: GRWA has met and planning on next steps as the High Meadows grant has expired.

The Forest Connectivity Project is almost finished its work.

Guilford Cares is working on a welcome packet which could coincide with our plans for a land use packet for new residents.

Next meeting is September 15 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission

