

Conservation_Minutes_10.21.2021

Attending (via Zoom): Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Marli Rabinowitz, Bill Jewell, Steve Soszynski, Anne Montgomery, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Bevan Quinn, Susan Bonthron, Michael Becker

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Agenda adjustments: Add Four Winds funding, Carriage Trail bridge safety addition, historic data base

Minutes from September 16 accepted unanimously.

Arbor Day Grant follow up:

- Decided to replace the dead elm with Hop Hornbeam that is available from Allen Brothers.
- Discussed winter maintenance of gator bags, hose, and hose caddy.
- E Curriculum for GSC was purchased from the Arbor Day Society. Access was conveyed to Sarah Rosow.
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Weeks Forest bridge: Dave Eastman put up temporary ropes on the new bridge as a safety measure for young children. He will be putting in permanent cables soon.

Linda Lembke is communicating with the Historical Society about forming a joint committee to document historic sites in Guilford. The Historical Society will contact us about moving forward after their annual meeting this month.

Town Plans: Natural Resource and Land Use sections are ready including maps for forest blocks and habitat connectivity.

ARPA funding: Anne and Karen will be attending the informational meeting on Monday the 25th.

The sewer and water lines extensions were discussed in relation to density issues. Perhaps a feasibility study should be done.

Tree Walks: we decided to delay any tree walks until after hunting season.

Collaborations updates:

GRWA sponsored presentations of beavers in Guilford and Marlboro. The one in Guilford concentrated on conflicts with beavers.

A vote was taken on funding the Four Winds Program at GCS for the coming year. The cost is \$1025 with the school funding half of that amount. The vote to fund the remaining \$512.50 was passed with two abstentions and one no vote. This is a one-time gift and any future funding will need to be decided by the commission.

Next meeting is November 18.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission

