

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING
Room 315, Town Hall
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT**

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting, Dec. 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**
- B. Regular Meeting, January 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - (Cancelled)**
- C. Special Meeting, Jan. 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

2. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

3. ELECTIONS

4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A. Fresh Meadows

- 1. Mowing – staff
- 2. Tessa’s Trail – maintenance
- 3. Proposal for update to kiosk content & map, J. Borne

B. Ferguson Woods

- 1. Proposal from Parks & Recreation Director submitted by S. Gray for kiosk – cost and funding – expenses authorized
- 2. Approved re-routing of a portion of trail off private property & installation of a bog-bridge – status of de-blazing, new trail section creation and blazing & bog-bridge installation work
- 3. Proposal from Parks & Recreation Director, submitted by Scott Gray, regarding revision to re-routed Yellow Trail portion by bog-bridge

C. Beseck Mountain

- 1. Boundary re-marking, encroachment & unpermitted vegetation removal
- 2. Cliffside Trail – evaluation & maintenance
- 3. Proposal for installation of stone dust path & low timber rail from road to woods edge

D. Marcus Cooke Memorial Park

- 1. Proposal for trail GPS, re-blazing, mapping, and signage

E. Other Property - reports

5. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM

A. Farmland Lease Committee - D. Saunders, Chair

- 1. Report on bids submitted Jan. 9
- 2. Special Meeting, Jan. 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
- 3. Special Meeting, Feb. 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
- 4. Field Monitoring Reports

B. Recommendation to Town Council re: Consideration of bid award (19 hayfields), for its Feb. 13 Meeting

C. Field 20A – addressing issues per consultant report

6. BUDGET FY24-25 – discussion of proposal

7. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – TYLER MILL PRESERVE

- A. Stewards of Tyler Mill**, Co-Chairs Monthly Report, D. Saunders & D. Lendler
- B. Kiosk** – expenses authorized
- C. Boy Scout Trail** – permanent blazing status
- D. Proposal** - from K. Michaels, Director, Parks & Recreation, submitted by Doug Clark, Regarding two existing unnamed trails that connect to the ‘Boy Scout Trail’
- E. Proposal** - from K. Michaels, Director, Parks & Recreation, submitted by Scott Gray, Regarding trail changes, “*4 Recommended Items for Tyler Mill Remapping Project*”- presentation & discussion per below:
 - 1.a. Re-blaze unclosed portion of Red floodplain trail to blue (to be part of Blue Trail)
 - 1.b. Re-blaze ‘Red/Green connector’ to blue to eliminate ‘piggy-backing’ (to be part of Blue Trail)
 - 2. Re-blaze a portion of Green/Blue blazed section of trail on old jeep trail to red to eliminate ‘piggy-backing’ (to be part of Red Trail)
 - 3. Eliminate White South Trail & de-blaze it
 - 4. Extend Gold Trail to unofficial trail that currently connects with Blue Trail & re-blaze it to become the ‘Purple/Yellow Trail’

F. Other reports

8. REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Trails Work Group** – TWG information/matters not discussed above, D. Lendler
- B. Gray-Wulff Environmental Series:** “*The Temptation of Trees*”, film & discussion, Community Room, Wallingford Public Library, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. – reports
- C. Memorandum to All Boards and Commissions & Members of Town Council.** from Janis M. Small, Corporation Counsel, re: Freedom of Information Act and Ethics Training, Feb. 29, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Town Council Chambers, dated 1/25/24 – (Copy of above emailed to Commissioners by my office on 1/25/24 and mailed 1/26/24)

9. NEXT MEETING – March 14, 2024

10. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals in need of auxiliary aids for the effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Wallingford are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator at 203-294-2070 five days prior.