1	Wallingford Conservation Commission
2	REGULAR MEETING
3	Thursday, August 11, 2011
4	7 p.m.
5	Town Hall Basement Conference Room
6	45 South Main Street
7	Wallingford, CT
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9	MINUTES
10 11	The meeting was unable to take place in the posted venue due to the Town
12	Hall doors being locked. At 7:10 p.m., after finding no means to obtain
13	entrance, the Chairman declared the meeting would be relocated to 20 Sylvan
14	Avenue, Wallingford.
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16	PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Borne; Vice-Chair Mary Heffernon; Commissioners Dianne
17	Saunders; Carl Arsenault; Tom Pietras (arrived later); Ken Ryan; Erin O'Hare,
18	Environmental and Natural Resources Planner.
19	NOT PRESENT: Dianne Lendler; James Pyskaty; John Lathrop.
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21	Chairman Borne called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at 20 Sylvan Avenue.
22 23	1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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2 4 25	A. Minutes, July 14, 2011
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27	Ms. Saunders said on the "corrections" on Line 32, should read "(the student)"should
28	access Field 4C with her mower.
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30	MOTION: A motion by Vice-Chair Heffernon second by Commissioner Ryan to
31	approve the July 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion passed
32	unanimously.
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34 35	2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
35 36	A. Tyler Mill Preserve
37	A. Tyler will reserve
38	1. Ravine Restoration (west of Field 7A)
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40	Ms. O'Hare said the memo she was directed to write to Henry McCully and Rob
41	Baltramaitis to move forward on ravine work had not been responded to. She said she
42	contacted Mr. McCully and is going out to the site (west of Field 7A), on Friday at 10
43	a.m. with the new Public Works Supervisor Stephen Palermo to see exactly where the
44 15	berm of 4-6 inch stone should be located. Ms. O'Hare will provide the Commission with
45 46	a cost estimate.
40 47	Vice-Chair Heffernon said she met with the three Community Police Officers last week to
48	discuss the signage at Tyler Mill. She said the Officers suggested possibly having people
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1 2 3	get a permit to use Tyler Mill. Chairman Borne said this was an interesting concept. She reported there have been 42 arrests since October 2010.
4 5	2. DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program.
6 7	a. Work progress-report, Trails Committee
8 9 10 11 12	Ms. O'Hare said she sent a progress report/financial update to Don Roe, Program Planner. She said work is progressing on Part A. The add-ons have not as yet been processed. She said Ferrucci & Waliki were granted an extension to complete the work from September 30 to October 31.
13 14	b. Pink Trail – major crossing.
15 16 17 18 19	Ms. O'Hare said she contacted the Public Utility Company to inquire about possibly getting three 50 - foot utility poles from them for the crossing. She said she was told the tallest poles they have are 45 feet and would not be able to deliver them on-site because of the terrain, so they would have to be picked up.
20 21 22	Chairman Borne directed Ms. O'Hare to pursue the telephone pole idea and contact the Risk Manager for an interpretation on the Town's liability if a bridge is installed in the
23 24	c. Parking lots, entranceway, kiosks
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Ms. O'Hare said she, Vice-Chair Heffernon, Mr. Roe, and Mr. McCully met to talk about improving the entrance way to Tyler Mill and improving the parking lot at the old bridge which is closed. Ms. O'Hare said Public Works will paint the guardrail on the bridge, spray paint the bollards, put in a water bar to bring water from a small spring across to the other side, and install stone near the beginning of the Pink Trail on the edge of Maltby Lane. Ms. O'Hare said they had discussed fixing up the entrance to Tyler Mill and the parking there. Work will continue on this matter.
33 34 35 36	Regarding the required invasive species eradication work, it was decided work will focus on multi-flora roses at the Red Trail close to the bridge area. Deer-resistant replacement shrubs will be needed.
37 38	3. Boundary marking – Nothing to report.
39 40	Mr. Pietras arrived at this time.
41 42	B. Fresh Meadow Swamp at Cheshire Road
43 44	1. Trails Grant application – status
44 45 46 47 48	Chairman Borne said Ms. O'Hare had looked into possibly pursuing the grant. Ms. O'Hare said she met with Mr. Roe to discuss the grant application. She said Mr. Roe initially dismissed applying for the grant, as there was inadequate time for the necessary planning for this west side resource but after a DEP representative informed them the

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1	grant was for a three-year period, it was decided to pursue the grant. Ms. O'Hare said
2	this trails grant would involve constructing a grass trail of which there are very few in
3	the State which is a plus.
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5	Ms. O'Hare indicated there is a grass trail in Haddam which the Commission may wish
6	to visit, called Bamforth Preserve. <i>She will circulate the date.</i>
7	to visit, danied barrier in reserve. One vim endulate the date.
8	Vice-Chair Heffernon spoke about possibly looking at the butterfly garden at
9	Hammonassett Beach State Park which has some type of cloth over the trail, and using
10	that idea to cut down mowing the proposed grass trail. The Commission agreed to
11	supply a letter of support for the grant application.
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13	Vice-Chair Heffernon reported three Vo-Ag students planted swamp milkweed plants in
14	the Butterfly Meadow. Vice-Chair Heffernon had supplied the mulch for the project.
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16	C. Open Space Property at 75 Jenna Road
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18	 Trespass – dumping.
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20	Ms. O'Hare said she had sent a memo to the Law Department and it turns out this
21	dumping falls under the auspices of the litter ordinance. Ms. O'Hare contacted the
22	Community Police to follow up on this.
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24	Ms. Saunders reported a possible trespass at the recently acquired 22 Tamarack Swamp
25	Road property. <i>Ms. O'Hare will investigate.</i>
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27	D. Invasive Species Eradication
28	B. Invasive oposies Eradioation
29	1. Long-term invasive species management program - update,
30	D. Saunders.
31	D. Sadriders.
32	Ms. Saunders said there is a possible new recruit who went through a dumptruck load of
33	bagged lawn waste, separated the contents which were not invasives, spread it into the
34	woods, bagged the rest and Public Works took it away.
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36	E. Volunteer Work Program - report, K. Ryan - Nothing to report.
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38	4. MOWING – Status
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40	Ms. O'Hare said Field 1B was not mowed, but Field 4C was mowed.
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42	5. SIGNAGE
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44	Ms. Saunders will give the "Closed to All Motor Vehicle" signs to the Mayor's office for
45	Public Works to post at Fields 2A &2B
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47	5. PROPERTY ACQUISITION
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1	A. Report
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3	Chairman Borne said the Town Planner sent a memo to the Conservation Commission
4	and the Land Trust stating there was a development with a large open space component
5	near Wildlife Drive. The open space was intended to go to a homeowners' association
6	which never happened.
7	Chairman Borne said the Town Planner wanted to know if the Conservation Commission
8	would be interested in this piece of property.
9	Would be interested in this piece of property.
10	6. OPEN SPACE PLAN, 1999 – update, D. Saunders – Nothing to report.
11	o. OPEN SPACE PLAN, 1999 - update, D. Saunders - Nothing to report.
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12	7. PUBLIC OUTREACH
13	A. "Celebrate Open Space" Day, Ferguson Woods, report, M.
14	Heffernon
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16	Vice-Chair Heffernon said one person from the public attended, she said the trails are in
17	good shape.
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19	8. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM
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21	a. Lease Cycle 2012-2016 – Nothing to report.
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23	b. Farmland Lease Committee – report, D. Saunders
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25	Ms. Saunders reported she has handed out the mid-season monitoring report forms to
26	her Committee. She distributed the Committee report. She said amended leases need
27	to be prepared and sent to the Law Department; the bid specs need to be completed for
28	the sugar bush and the bid specs for Field 7A need to be approved, and the lease maps
29	need to be revised which the Committee is working on.
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31	Ms. O'Hare said the number one thing to do is the gear up for the one-year extension
32	of the current leases. <i>Ms. Saunders will get rough-map revisions to Ms. O'Hare by</i>
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35	9. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
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37	A. USDA/NRCS "Helping to Install Conservation Practices On Your
38	Horse Farm." – (Not distributed).
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40	B. CACIWC Newsletter – "The Habitat" – Summer 2011 issue – (To
41	be forwarded by mail).
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43	10. NEXT MEETING - September 8, 2011
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45	11. ADJOURNMENT
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47	MOTION: Vice-Chair Heffernon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46
48	p.m. The motion passed unanimously.