

**WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Basement Conference Room, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut**

AGENDA

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes, Oct. 10, 2013**
 - B. Discussion re: Minutes**

- 2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**
 - A. Tyler Mill Preserve**
 1. DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program - parking lots, entranceways, and kiosks
 - a. Required permitting – status
 2. Footbridges – update, D. Saunders
 3. Forest edge Habitat Project – D. Saunders
 - a. Draft letter to DEEP
 - b. Other
 4. Response to trail exercise stations proposal – M. Heffernon
 5. Pink Trail crossing – M. Heffernon
 6. Gold Trail
 - B. Fresh Meadows**
 1. Master Planning meeting, Nov. 13 – report
 2. Trails Program – preliminary layout - presentation, consultant, Lenard Engineering
 3. Mowing
 - C. Ferguson Woods – signage**
 - D. 1250 Whirlwind Hill Road – mowing – report, K. Ryan**
 - E. Boundary Marking Program - status**
 - F. Invasive Species Eradication**
 1. Long-term invasive species management program - update, D. Saunders
 2. Eradication - Tyler Mill Preserve main entranceway - status
 3. Eradication - Trees of Heaven – status
 4. Road grading in Tyler Mill Preserve
 - G. Bamboo**
 1. Town Council Ordinance Committee Meeting, Oct.30, re: bamboo – report
 2. Beseck Meadow - proposal
 3. Bamboo identification guidebook, D. Saunders

- 3. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM**
 - A. Farmland Lease Cycle - 2014-2018**
 1. Bid (22 hayfields)
 - a. bid opening, Part A, Oct. 29; Part B, Nov. 14
 - b. Consideration of recommendation to Town Council, Nov. 26
 2. Proposed bid document for Field 5A and Field 7A
 - B. Farmland Committee**
 1. Monitoring reports
 2. Draft proposed bid document for Field 5A and Field 7A
 - C. Property issues**
 1. Field 3A - encroachment
 2. 1390 Whirlwind Hill Rd. – storage of materials by Public Works Dept.
 3. Field 2A – fence & signage

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- 4. Field 7D - gate
- D. Mowing**
 - 1. Request For Quotes
 - 2. Public Works mowing - report
- E. Boundary Marking Program**
- 4. PUBLIC OUTREACH**
 - A. Family Hike** (in conjunction with Wallingford Library), Nov. 2 – report, M. Heffernon
- 5. ELECTION OF OFFCIERS - Nominations**
- 6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**
 - A. Farmland Committee**
- 7. OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE – revisions**
 - A. Revisions:** “Vision Statement”, “Purpose”, & “Open Space Defined”
- 8. 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE - approval**
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**
 - A. Dog Park Proposal** - off Quinnipiac Street - report
 - B. “Connecticut: Connected To Its Forests”**, CT Urban Forest Conference & Forest Forum, Oct. 30
 - C. QRWA Watershed Based Plan** - Stakeholders– report, M. Heffernon – report
 - D. US Fish & Wildlife Service, Dept. of the Interior** – recently listed species, received Oct. 22
 - E. CFPA** – Annual Fund
 - F. CACIWC** – “**The Habitat**”, newsletter, Fall 2013
 - G. SWCD**, “**Soil & Water**”, newsletter, Fall 2013
 - H. Snapping turtle regulations**, D. Saunders
 - I. CACIWC Environmental Conference**, Courtyard by Marriott Cromwell, Cromwell, CT, Nov. 16, 9: a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 10. NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2013**
- 11. 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.