

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, March 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Basement Conference Room
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut**

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes**, Regular Meeting, February 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
- B. Minutes**, Special Meeting, Feb. 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A. Tyler Mill Preserve

- 1. Ash trees status & salvaging prospect, Thomas Worthley, UCONN Forestry Extension
- 2. Audubon Connecticut – “Forest Bird Habitat Assessment” report
- 3. Remaining planned improvements – staff
- 4. Gold Trail, D. Saunders
- 5. Stewards of Tyler Mill, D. Saunders
- 6. Trail maps for kiosks – status, D. Saunders
- 7. Opening of hunting season signage
- 8. Tamarack project, C. Arsenault
- 9. Visit to Lyman Hall High School Agricultural, Science, and Technology – set date
- 10. Entrance area plant restoration project – planting plan & maintenance proposal, D. Saunders

B. Fresh Meadows

- 1. Trail Plan – final plan drawings
- 2. Maintenance of Eagle Scout project
- 3. Visit to observe ADA accessible trails at CT Audubon, Fairfield, CT – set date

C. Doolittle Park

- 1. Riparian Corridor Restoration project – status, M. Heffernon, staff

D. Volunteer Projects

- 1. Seed growing – Choate Kohler Environmental Center students
- 2. Quinnipiac University “Big Event”, April 11 – project
- 3. Purple loosestrife - CT Conference of Natural Resources, UCONN, March 16, 2015 – M. Heffernon

E. Other properties

3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

A. 75 Tyler Mill Road property

4. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM

- A. Field 13A** – bid proposal - status
- B. Field 9C** – fence restoration
- C. “Soft edge” proposal for lease areas fields**
- D. Community Farms Preservation Program**, CT Dept. of Agriculture
- E. Farmland Committee**
- F. Property issues**

5. PUBLIC OUTREACH

- A. Property owner outreach** – status, M. Heffernon
- B. CT Trails Day** – farm tour hike
- C. Film event** - co-sponsored with Wallingford Public Library

continued

- 6. OPEN SPACE USERS' GROUP MEETING**, April 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – topics for agenda
- 7. OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE**
 - A. Status**, M. Heffernon, J. Borne, staff
 - B. Mapping**
- 8. COMMISSION'S LIBRARY** – inventory, D. Lendler
- 9. BUDGET FY 15-16** – report, M. Heffernon
- 10. OTHER TOPICS**
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - A. Proposed legislation**
 - B. CT Land Conservation Council – 2015 Conference**, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, Sat., March 21, 2015
 - C. DEEP - Notice of Intent to Amend Endangered Species Regulations (to update the list of Endangered, Threatened and Species of Special Concern); posted 2/19/15; received 2/20/15**
 - D. CT Butterfly Association newsletter, Winter 2015**
 - E. Southwest Conservation District, Inc. newsletter, “Soil and Water”, Spring 2015**
- 12. NEXT MEETING – April 9, 2015**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

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