

**WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, April 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall, Basement Conference Room,  
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut**

**AGENDA**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes**, Regular Meeting, March 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
- B. Discussion regarding Minutes document**

**2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

**A. Tyler Mill Preserve**

- 1. Remaining planned improvements
- 2. Forest Edge Habitat Project
- 3. Deer population – thinning – report, D. Lendler
- 4. Gold Trail – planned improvements
- 5. Stewards of Tyler Mill – Les Merhoff Biodiversity Grant, D. Saunders
- 6. Trails map brochure – Trails Committee
- 7. Trail marking for emergency response – M. Heffernon
- 8. Encroachment - 82 Anderson Road
- 9. Maltby Lane Road (closed portion) – drainage issue

**B. Fresh Meadows**

- 1. Trails Program – status
- 2. Eagle Scout Project – update, M. Heffernon

**C. Field 1B** – monitoring study, T. Pietras

**D. 1250 Whirlwind Hill Road** - mowing

**E. Volunteer projects**

- 1. Quinnipiac University “Big Event”
- 2. Choate Kohler Environmental Center students

**F. Invasive Species Eradication**

- 1. Report, D. Saunders
- 2. Contracted work (Tyler Mill entranceway area & Trees of heaven) - status

**3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

- A. Property owner outreach** - report, M. Heffernon

**4. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM**

**A. Proposed bid** - Field 5A and Field 7A - status

**B. Farmland Committee**

**C. Property issues**

- 1. Field 3A – encroachment; recent trespass damage, D. Saunders
- 2. Field 2A –fence & signage; recent trespass damage, D. Saunders
- 3. Field 7H – gate
- 4. Field 12A – gate to access Field 9B
- 5. Fields 4A & 4B – kestrel box – update, D. Saunders

**5. MOWING – Mowing Committee report**, M. Heffernon

**6. BUDGET FY 14-15**

**A. Conservation conveyance tax** – report

**B. Town Council Budget Workshop**, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

**C. Town Council Budget Public Hearing**, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

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**7. PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- A. CT Trails Day, June 8**
- B. Fall program**
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Walks, D. Lendler**
- D. Celebrate Open Space event**

**8. OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE**

- A. Discussion regarding goals**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**

- A. CT Land Conservation Council** – Conference, Wesleyan University, Middletown, March 15 – reports by participants on presentations
- B. CFPA, “Building Walking Opportunities in the Town of Wallingford”**
- C. CT Butterfly Association** – membership dues
- D. New England Wildflower Society**, correspondence, dated 3/19/14
- E. Open Space Users Group**, April 28, 7:00 p.m., Park & Recreation – suggested agenda items
- F. Quinnipiac River canoe launch proposal - staff**
- G. Notice: General Permit For Diversion of Water For Consumptive Use**, Wallingford Water Division; interconnection station, 237 (rear) Pond Hill Road; submitted 4/1/14
- H. CFPA - magazine, “CT Woodlands”, Spring 2014**
- I. Southwest Conservation District - newsletter, “Soil and Water”, Spring 2014**
- J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park** – update on parking area improvement project
- K. Town dog park -**

**10. NEXT MEETING – May 8, 2014**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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