

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, December 12, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, Basement Conference Room,
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut**

A Special Meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Basement Conference room, Town Hall, for the purposes of hearing a presentation regarding recent field research completed by a Yale University undergraduate student on several Town fields relative to the correlation between pollinators and land use to be followed by the conducting of the regular business of the Commission as per the Agenda below.

AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION - Pollinator research on Town fields – Kathryn Urban-Meade , Yale University student

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes**, Nov. 14, 2013
- B. Minutes, Special Meeting**, Nov. 25, 2013
- C. Discussion** re: Minutes

3. 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. Pink Trail crossing – M. Heffernon
- 5. Gold Trail

B. Fresh Meadows

- 1. Trails Program – status
- 2. Mowing

C. Ferguson Woods – signage

D. 1250 Whirlwind Hill Road – mowing

E. Fireworks Island - signage

F. Invasive Species Eradication

- 1. Long-term invasive species management program - update, D. Saunders

G. Bamboo

- 1. Beseck Meadow - status

4. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM

A. Farmland Lease Cycle - 2014-2018

- 1. Bid (22 hayfields) – 19 fields awarded
- 2. Proposal for bid waiver (4 hayfields)
- 3. Field 5A and Field 7A

B. Farmland Committee

- 1. Monitoring reports
- 2. Draft proposed bid document for Field 5A and Field 7A

continued

C. Property issues

1. Field 3A - encroachment
2. 1390 Whirlwind Hill Rd. – storage of materials by Public Works Dept.
3. Field 2A – fence & signage
4. Field 7D - gate

D. Mowing

1. Request For Quotes
2. Public Works mowing – report

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Nominations

6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Farmland Committee

7. OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE – revisions

A. Revisions: “Vision Statement”, “Purpose”, & “Open Space Defined”

8. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

A. Dog Park Proposal, off Quinnipiac Street - status

B. CFPA – Annual Fund

C. CFPA “News & Notes” – Fall 2013

D. Environmental review Team Report- 995 East center street property - copies

9. NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2014

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.