

April 19, 2023

Attendees: Susan Smiley, Mark Krawczyk, Mary Pratt, Rhiannon Johnson, Erin Ruble(guest)

Wildlife Crossing Subcommittee Update:

- The goal of the Wildlife Crossing Study was to use the information collected as a basis to help create an overlay map for the Town Plan
- Susan spoke to Cathy Cahill who says that it's too late for this study to be included in the zoning plan
 - However, revisions to the Town Plan will soon be getting underway and a Wildlife Crossing Study could inform sections of that plan
- The Subcommittee suggests that we hire Sophie Mazowita to assist with project, managing our crossing study and keep us on track. This will be discussed again at the next Conservation Committee meeting when more members are present.

From the Agenda

- Item 2: passed over this item because we did not think we had a quorum
- Walking Trail Project: passed over this item because no one working on this project was present for the meeting

New Business

- Emily Hilbert from Pollinator Pathway will be meeting every Thursday, 4-6pm at the New Haven pollinator garden by the New Haven Congregational Church. There will be a Master Gardener on site to answer questions. See Front Porch Forum for more details
- Plant Sale May 20, 9am - 12pm at the New Haven Congregational Church
 - Can donate plants as well
- Master Composter Talk– guest Master Composter Abigail Ringger will present "Zero-waste and composting". The slide presentation will be downstairs in the Church on Sat., May 27 from 10-12.

Last week, the library had a presentation from Meg Madden about mushrooms. She does mushroom walks and we could pay her to do one with our group at the Watershed

- Action: Susan will follow up with Meg
- Susan, Polly and Rhiannon have all been reappointed to the Conservation Committee
 - Susan: 4 year term (2027)
 - Polly: 3 year term (2026)
 - Rhiannon: 4 year term
- Mark has decided that he will not be seeking reappointment and tonight was his last meeting.