

Meeting Minutes

**Town of New Haven
Conservation Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present - Cheryl Mitchell, Susan Smiley, Mary Pratt, Polly Darnell, Rhiannon Johnson, Mark Krawczyk, Ellie de Villiers

Agenda:

Minutes from December 14, 2022 approved unanimously

Old Business:

- Date Change and guide for the field trip to Old Nash Farm

The Old Nash Farm is a beautiful, historic property on River Road with new owners. Phoebe Vaughn would be happy to host a tour of the property, to be lead by Craig Zondag. The ideal window would be late January, early February.

February 11, 10-11:30 has been chosen as the date for the event.

New Business

Wildlife Crossing Study

Amanda Bodell and Jeffrey Glassberg spoke to the group about Waltham's experience creating a Habitat Connectivity Overlay District for the Waltham Zoning Ordinance.

Alexis Mychajilw, Assistant Professor, Departments of Biology and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College spoke about the possibility she and her students might assist in camera trapping and other tracking methods.

Discussion followed about enlisting townspeople with game cameras to deepen the data collected about wildlife in New Haven; It was decided that this idea needs further consideration.

Community Reads Update

The conservation commission will work with the New Haven Library, sponsoring a Community Reads program for the book Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard. March 23 has been chosen as the date for discussion of the book. Our town librarian will be posting more information about this event in the town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum

February Armchair Naturalist Zoom Talk

David Lewis has engaged Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County Forest, to give a presentation on the topic of Legacy Trees. A date in February will be chosen.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 15 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.