

Minutes

Town of New Haven Conservation Commission Meeting Town Offices Thursday, June 8th, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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Meeting Opening

Members Present - Susan Smiley, Dean Percival, Cheryl Mitchell, David Lewis
Absent: Allen Karnatz, Mark Krawczyk

Request for any changes to agenda
Election of Officers 2017-2018

Financial Report

- There is a balance of \$533.00 in the NHCC account.
- Unanimous vote to reimburse Dean for NHCC web site fees: \$100

Business

- Welcomed new member Dave Lewis.
- Election of officers for 2017-2018 delayed till next meeting.
- Update on Outdoor Naturalist Program
 - Jim Walsh has volunteered to offer a “walk” on his property. Susan will follow up with him with the possibility of this happening in July.
 - Dean will contact Jim Andrews to see if we can combine a talk with the fall migration of Amphibians and Reptiles. Cost would be a consideration.
 - Cheryl spoke about Four Winds Nature Institute who has been offering nature and exploration programs to Beeman School. We discussed the possibility of forming a partnership with them in order to expand our outdoor programs with them. Cheryl will follow up with them. Four Winds is also looking for volunteers to help out with their program. Volunteers would take a training workshop and then help out in the classroom – probably several hours a month. Anyone interested can call Erin Ruble at 453-5824.
 - Cheryl also mentioned the Farmer Correspondence Program which matches classrooms with farmers based on interest and grade levels. Cheryl is involved with this program and will explore how we can become involved.
- The “Apple Tree” preservation for wildlife program will be incorporated into a possible talk/walk in the fall to get it going.
- The “biggest” or most “unique” tree program discussion will be addressed at our next meeting when Mark returns.
- Dave volunteered to identify possible subject matters for “Backyard Conservation” in order to incorporate this into our Armchair Naturalist Speaker Series i.e. Hugul Culture, composting, controlling invasives, building nesting areas etc. He will work on this with Dean
- Dean will contact Suzy Roorda in order to continue discussions about our partnership with Parks and Rec. that Ruth was working on.

There being no more discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.
The next meeting was not scheduled.