

Town of Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Draft Minutes

CC Members: Hannah Brookman, Lindy Corman (Chair), Hunter Jack (Secretary), Eva Grimaldi (co-chair), Lucia Kloster, Mike Purcell

Guest attendees: Kate Kirkwood, (Energy Committee Chair), Chris Kirkwood, Mary Sargent (Zoning Commissioner)

Called to order by Chair at 6:05 pm

Identify Any Changes to the Agenda: None

Scheduled Business

- Energy Commission: Kate Kirkwood from the Energy Committee joined this meeting to further collaboration between the two committees. She re-introduced the recently formed Energy Committee's recent work (MERP grant, Energy Fair 10/28) and updated the CC on the EC's recent Meet and Greet. Kate informed the CC of future plans, as well (audits of town buildings, grant applications for energy improvement). It was decided to continue communication between the two committees and to loop in one another when relevant agenda items arise.
- Follow-up discussion on Emerald Ash Borer and the training the CC received to contribute to the state's roadside ash tree inventory. Consensus was reached to start the inventory on main thoroughfares first - Auger Hole (**Hannah**), Higley Hill (**Mike** upper half, **Lindy** lower half), Ames Hill (**Eva**), Moss Hollow (**Lucia**), Butterfield (**Hunter**). The Committee decided to coordinate a sub-training 7/12 at Eva and Hunter's house to teach everyone the inventory app. The Committee agreed to expand the use of the inventory app to the Marlboro community at large via further sub-trainings (Town Fair, Community Center).
- Follow-up discussion on the CC's recent Meet and Greet at the Community Center. The Committee focused on the community's emphasis and interest in invasive species. The CC agreed to further research local invasives and try to start a periodical educational column in the Marlboro Mixer (**Hannah** will initiate - knotweed, bittersweet, wild buckthorn). There was discussion about creating an invasive species heat-map for the town or finding resources that might offer such a map (iMapInvasives app).

New Business

Brief discussion at the end concerning the relationship of the Road Crew to invasives generally and questions surrounding the Road Crew's mowing policy and invasives policies. **Mike** will start a conversation with Road Foreman about this topic with an invitation to Andrew Richardson to attend a CC meeting sometime soon.

CC decided to have an educational/informational presence at the Town Fair. A table with volunteers from the CC will provide literature regarding EAB, invasives, sub-training for ash inventory, seek new CC members. **Lucia** volunteered to organize setting up a table.

Minutes from 5/3/23 approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:15