

Town of Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 6:00 - 7:25 pm

Draft Minutes

CC Members: Lindy Corman , Hunter Jack (Secretary), Christina Schneider (Co-chair), Eva Grimaldi
Guests: Nancy Anderson, Cherrie Corey

Called to order by Chair at 6:09 pm

Scheduled Business

- iNaturalist presentation by Cherrie Corey, career naturalist and educator. Has widespread possibilities for gathering information - What's there? Where are the problems? Datasets for decision-making and policy, identification of plant, animal, mushrooms. Cherrie has 100,000 photos of her property, documenting all stages naturalist observation - migration of butterflies, 5 new splits of orchid genus, etc.
- Ai is good enough at identifying species - even mushrooms!
- iNaturalist open projects for town public lands - whetstone headwaters, green river headwaters, south pond, Harrisville brook area, Hogback. Patti Smith has been cataloging on iNaturalist a lot as well. Cherrie would create these iNaturalist projects this winter...? Teach classes/trainings in town on how to use iNaturalist.
- Bioblitz is a day-long or specific multi-day gathering intended to gather a lot of data (general or focussed) at one time.
- Projects defined by a geographic area will automatically upload any photos taken within that predetermined boundary - no permission or mutual consent required.
- Facebook groups Marlboro Birds and Marlboro Wild - everyone should join!
- CC role within Cherrie's iNaturalist project suggestions: promotion of the projects within the town; data can be useful for making decisions about land use
- Nancy Anderson talked about the changing of the Hogback Conservation Commission management plan - after 14 years, it's time. October 12th walk to get people reacquainted with Hogback conserved land. Discussions soon to be held about aspects of the new plan like foraging, logging plans etc.

Meeting Adjourned 7:34pm