



# The Woodbridge Conservation Commission

## Regular Meeting

April 18, 2019– 7:30PM  
Board Room, Town Hall  
Woodbridge, CT

## MINUTES

In attendance: Jason Morrill, Frank DeLeo, Lauren Miller, Karen Sklarz, Leland Torrence

Absent: Traci Cipriano, Julie Perlman

1. Public comments
  - No public comment
2. Presentation from Dennis Rierdon and Carl R. Harvey of Menunkatuk Audubon Society.
  - Founded in Guilford in 1982 includes towns from Orange to Madison
  - Chapter of National Audubon Society
  - More than 76 Osprey platforms & nest boxes from Greenwich to Stonington
  - Purple Martin Colonies and Tree Swallow nest boxes at West River Memorial Park
  - Bluebird boxes and Barn Owl Boxes placed in the area
  - Solar powered bird cameras on nests in New Haven, Falkner Island & Madison
  - Urban Oasis in New Haven
  - Horseshoe crab monitoring with Sacred Heart University on Project Limulus
  - Plant Sale – annual to raise money for planting native shrubs, 1000 annually planted
  - Roses for Autism

- Education in classrooms & outdoor & monthly programs
  - \*Bird Inventory for Woodbridge – contact Steve Broker\*
  - \*Bird boxes – coordinate with Amity High School\*
3. Review and approve minutes of the February 21, 2019 special meeting
    - Motion to approve minutes made by Jason Morrill, motion seconded by Lauren Miller. Motion approved.
  4. Open Space Plan
    - Jason reviewed 18 properties
    - (Riparian Forest Buffer – stream with growth on each side – may need matrix adjustment)
    - “Habitat of Conservation Concern” needs to be objectively rated
  5. Natural Resource Inventory
    - Practical way to engage with Audubon
    - Karen will research locations for bird boxes
    - Continue on assignments from February 2019 meeting
  6. Trails & Maintenance
    - Jason will meet next week to discuss ongoing maintenance of trails with two land organizations in Woodbridge. Ideas to merge technology with signage.
  7. Trail Walks
    - June 1 & 2, 2019 (CT Trail Day) Educational Walk with Massaro Farm (use the trail, walk the forest, and talk about the food foraged by Native Americans – food and nutrition education) Discuss agriculture through the last century
    - Sept/October Walk– Geologist Talk by Jay Ague, Professor at Geology at Yale
    - Perhaps asking Andrea, Jim Urbano’s daughter – arborist to lead walk
  8. Chairman’s report – nothing to report

Motion made by Jason Morrill to adjourn, seconded by Leland Torrence

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm

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