

Orange Conservation Commission - Notice of Meeting

High Plains Community Center - Room 2 - June 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Emergency Exits
- III. Public Dialogue
- IV. Review and approve May minutes
- V. Financial Report

VI. Old Business

- A. Fall work day date & location.
- B. Fiscal year budget ends 6/30/23; all bills must be submitted to Finance Department by June 15.
- C. Ewen Preserve: Status of new trail.
- D. Wepawaug: status of historic informational plaque - style and cost, inclusion of Howard Brooks designation.
- E. Racebrook Tract: Status of sign directing bicycle entry from parking lot, now that railing has been installed.
- F. Status of Orange Foundation grant request for parking lot fence – need to complete Grant Use form
Status of new entry sign.
Kiosk – replacement of plexiglass on back side with hinge, for posting of notices.
Status of Racebrook Tract advertisement on Trailsfork.com for mountain biking.
Status of “Stay on Main Trail” signs.
- G. Turkey Hill Preserve unofficial trails to be blazed as an expansion of the existing trails.
- H. Landscaping below open space entry signs to be mulched.
- I. Lion's Club Mini-Grant application for \$500 submitted 2/24/23.
- J. Status of pilot program for installation of surveillance cameras and/or motion-detector solar spotlights in parking lots.
- K. Revisions to verbiage on Homepage of OCC website.
- L. Revisions to SCRCOG maps for each trail and the Leadership map.
- M. Development of a Mission Statement; Discuss needed updates to OCC Handbook, review of By-Laws.
- N. Spring re-blazing of trails.
- O. Status of all members' creating gmail accounts for access to upcoming Google Docs.
- P. Write up of new trailhead at RBT for local publications.
- Q. Publicize purchase of Wheelers Farm acreage (50/50 with OLT)

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VII. New Business

- A. Discussion concerning closing the Howard Brooks walkway at RaceBrook Tract; unsafe conditions.
- B. Audubon Grant (through Anthony Zemba).
- C. Need to modify list of Nature Trails listing on Town website.

VIII. Review of Trails & Steward Reports

- a. Wepawaug Conservation Area - Sharon Ewen / Scott Somerville
- b. Housatonic Overlook - Donna Wesolowski
- c. Paul Ode Nature – Donna Wesolowski
- d. Racebrook Tract - Cathy Anderson / Sharon Kahara
- Tree down at end of Green trail, near intersection with Black trail (in Woodbridge)
- e. Ewen Preserve – Sharon Ewen / Chantelle Bunnell
- f. Turkey Hill Preserve – Mike Ross / Scott Somerville
- g. Publicity – Website, FaceBook, Email, Orange Life; Orange Live – Chantelle Bunnell

IX. Calendar of Events

- 1. Work Days
 - 2. Programs
 - 3. Hiking
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