

Orange Conservation Commission - Notice of Meeting

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

AGENDA

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

VI. Old Business

- A. Fall workday is scheduled for 10/7 at Wepawaug. Additional discussion as to possible different trail in view of Scouts' volunteer cleanup done on 7/15.
- B. Status of security camera sim card.
- C. Status of closing the Howard Brooks walkway at RaceBrook Tract.
- D. Status of possible 2024 federal grant for Howard Brooks walkway replacement.
- E. Status of construction of new disc golf nets at Paul Ode Trail.

VII. New Business

None

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VIII. Review of Trails & Steward Reports

1. Wepawaug Conservation Area - Sharon Ewen / Scott Somerville
 - Status of historic informational plaque
 - on 7/15 members of Orange Girl Scouts and Woodbridge Boy and Cub Scouts cleaned and beautified both sides of entrance driveway by removing invasive weeds, spreading wood-chip mulch and cleaning the Howard Brooks memorial rock.
 - on 7/13 the Highway Department delivered and spread wood chips at the beginning of the Blue Trail in the area of the wooden plank walkway, in order to absorb and cover seasonal rise of water levels.
2. Housatonic Overlook - Donna Wesolowski
 - Donna will assist with marking yellow trail in the Fall when weather permits.
 - Need design for a directional sign at the point of the Red Trail that leads to Cedar Road entrance.
3. Paul Ode Nature – Donna Wesolowski
4. Racebrook Tract - Cathy Anderson / Sharon Kahara
 - “Stay on Main Trail” signs installed at 3 Townline markers
 - Status of sign directing bicycle entry from parking lot, now that railing has been installed. Cathy/Tabled
 - Status of Orange Foundation post-grant certificate.
 - Status of new entry sign.
 - Status of Racebrook Tract advertisement on Trailsfork.com for mountain biking. Cathy/Tabled
5. Ewen Preserve – Sharon Ewen / Chantelle Bunnell
 - Status of new trail

-Highway Department moved the tree reported down by Scott

-Yellow Trail mapping – need follow up re GPS from Mike Ross submitted location to tech consultant at SCRCOG

-Future development of unofficial trails to be blazed as an expansion of the existing trails. Tabled

7. Fred Wolfe Park Trail – Status of letter to Board of Selectman clarification of designation of FWP.

8. Publicity – Website, FaceBook, Email, Orange Life; Orange Live – Chantelle Bunnell

-Need to modify list of Nature Trails listing on Town website - WIP

-Revisions to verbiage on Homepage of OCC website - WIP

IX. Calendar of Events

1. Orange Country Fair 9/16-9/17; Double-booth reservation submitted and paid. Robb has indicated he will be present at the booth, and provide mums as usual.
 2. Work Day scheduled for Fall – 10/7, Wepawaug? Or other?
 3. Programs – ongoing: CAPS monitoring for beetles and moths place traps in/at Racebrook Tract, Fred Wolfe Park Trail and Housatonic Overlook
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