

DRAFT Minutes Bradford Conservation Commission 8/19/15

Members Present: Ed Wendell, Monique Priestley, Riley Hudson, Sandy Price, Emily Marsh, Barbara Kulzyck, Nancy Jones

Members Absent: Tom Gray, Billy Brigtsen

Minutes of 8/5/15 were approved as written

Finances Ed presented the following bills to be paid:

Payable to:	Amount:	For:	From:	Status:
Nancy Jones	\$25	Conf. Registration	Budget (Seminars)	Approved
Nancy Jones	\$24.79	DVD Purchase	Movie Acct (CVPS Grant)	Approved

Nancy shared the Budget balances provided by Jennifer Rivers. None of us could recall that we had included a category for "Stationary" in our 2015 budget. Ed and Nancy will research this in our old minutes.

Stewardship

Request from John Loschiavo

John has asked that we put trail markers at the boundary of his land on Rube's Route and at the bottom of the trail on Route 25 to say "Rube's Route Continues – Hiker's Welcome" and "Rube's Route – Hiker's Welcome". It was voted unanimously to ask Gary to make these two trail markers.

Request from Library for Photo Walk

Emily volunteered to lead a photo hike on the Wrights MT Trail on Sunday, 8/30, meeting at the WM Trailhead at 1 pm. She will pick up cameras and thumb drives from the library prior to the hike. Nancy will post on the listserve and Monique will post on FB

Request from 250 Committe for WM Hike(s) 10/3

We will present 4 guided hikes on Saturday, October 3 at 1 pm RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1 PM

1. WRIGHTS MT TRAIL - meet at Wrights MT Trailhead on Wrights MT Road - led by BCC member Riley Hudson

a. to the Cabin at the Summit (0.8 mile); those who do not want to continue, will make their way back down to the WM Trailhead on their own.

b. those who want to continue with Riley will continue on the Wrights MT Trail down the other side of the mountain to Ernie's Trail, then onto the Chase Hollow Trail and end up at the Devil's Den Trailhead parking area on Chase Hollow Road (2.5 miles); a school bus there will take people back to their cars at the Wrights MT Trailhead parking area.

2. DEVIL'S DEN HIKE - meet at the Devil's Den Trailhead parking area on Chase Hollow Road - led by BCC member Tom Gray (1.8 miles); Chase Hollow Trail to Joels's Trail to Devil's Den Trail; there are no steep slopes on this Hike; fairly easy walking until in the Devil's Den ravine then hikers can decide whether to continue

3. SOUTHERN TRAILS IN THE WRIGHTS MT/DEVIL'S DEN TOWN FOREST - meet at the Devil's Den Trailhead parking area on Chase Hollow Road - led by BCC member Nancy Jones (1.8 miles); easy walking on Chase Hollow Trail to Joel's Trail to Nancy's Trace to Tillotson's Trek to Sean's Trail, then back to the Devil's Den Trailhead parking area on Chase Hollow Road; (no steep slopes on this walk)

Nancy will send info to Peep Benjamin for the 250 Committee's Brochure and will post on local listserves; Monique will post on FB and will send Nancy a link to the trail map to include with the postings.

Beautification

Decision on Spending \$350 in budget – voted unanimously to allow Sandy to spend up to this much for planting of a replacement tree at Denny Park; if she can get the work done by Chippers under their guarantee, then the money may be used for a crab apple tree on the library bank, as she has suggested.

Energy

Decision on Spending \$400 in budget - 1) need more info about the lighting project on Barton St; need to consult Solar Companies for estimates on installing a municipal solar project either at Town Highway Garage or on Burgess's back pasture. We're seeking a solar array to provide power for Highway garage, Fire Station, BA, and Library.

D. Williams House Party – August 29, 1 pm at 247 Main Street, presented by Real Good Solar, Brian Sagar from ARC Mechanical and to include info about financing. RGS will provide food. Nancy will post on listserves; Monique will post on FB; RGS is supposed to be promoting this as well.

Other

Request from 250 Committee re Craft Fair – 9/26, 10 – 4; voted to have a food booth with Apple-based desserts, including maple/apple fritters if we can arrange for a fryolator. Sandy volunteered to make apple pies; will ask Mary Ellen to make apple crisp

Ash Tree Survey – Emily volunteered to work with Emilie Perry and her River Bend class to conduct the survey. Nancy will seek training and materials for this. The \$500 grant that was received last year will be used toward this.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Jones, Acting Secretary

