

Orange Conservation Commission - Notice of Meeting

High Plains Community Center - Room 2 - Oct. 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Emergency Exits
- III. Review and approve September minutes
- IV. Financial Report
- V. Brief presentation by Blaine Sorrick, This activity was approved by First Selectman Zeoli

VI. Old Business

- A. March program Land Trust/Conservation Purple Martins Update: John Picard is available. OLT coordinated with Carl Harvey and scheduled the presentation at HPCC Café for Wed., March 8, 2023, 7pm.
- B. Orange Country Fair Update: The fair was very well attended and many patrons stopped by the OCC booth for trails and events information. Girl Scout troop members were very helpful in passing out their information pamphlets and discussing their continued stewardship.
- C. Wepawaug workday for 10/1 was cancelled due to rain. Discuss whether to schedule for another date before winter, or a day just for members to work in the entrance area. Discuss new historic sign for Wepawaug for 200th year anniversary.
- D. EventBrite online registration for Owl Prowl is active; as of 10/2 there were 15 registrants. Owl Prowl announcement for 11/4/22 @ 7:30pm is posted on website and FB, and hard-copies handed out at Country Fair and posted in all kiosks. Cathy will have posted on Town website and Orange Live. Who will apply for fire permit?
- E. Racebrook Tract project: status of drainage and steps (Sharon?)
- F. Ewen Preserve Update: The homeowner at St. John's cul-de-sac had affixed a hammock to trees on the town property. Sharon is also coordinating the repair/replacement of slats for the fence. Status of battery for sound machine, and possible new wooden walkway so that tractor can cross wet area?

VII. New Business

- A. Racebrook Tract: One of the off-trail unauthorized wood-slat bridges has many broken slats and in general disrepair; reported by Scott and Cathy.

VIII. Review of Trails & Steward Reports

- a. Wepawaug Conservation Area - Sharon Ewen / Scott Somerville

- b. Housatonic Overlook - Cindy Ruggeri / Donna Wesolowski
- c. Paul Ode Nature – Donna Wesolowski
- d. Racebrook Tract - Cathy Anderson / Santo Galatioto
- e. Ewen Preserve – Sharon Ewen
- f. Turkey Hill Preserve – Mike Ross / Scott Somerville.
- g. Planned Events – 11/4/22 Owl Prowl at Ewen
 3/8/23 Purple Martin Presentation at HPCC
- h. Publicity – Orange Life