

Attending: Eric Marczak, Nelson Kent, Amy Lauterbach

Eric opened the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Housekeeping

- Nelson moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Eric seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- We are all required to complete an annual harassment training program. Amy will send a link for online access.
- We need to recruit another member. Amy drafted a piece for the Enterprise to report on our activities, ask for volunteers and direct people to read the meeting minutes that Traci has now posted on the town website. She will send it to Eric to edit and send in.

Education and Outreach

- Eric will draft an article for the town's September newsletter.
- Amy will photograph the information on one side of the wetlands kiosk. We might be able to recreate it.
- We will need to develop material to post on the other side of the kiosk.
- Eric has restored a presentation box for the kiosk.
- We can prepare tri fold informational handouts for visitors.
- We will plan a grand opening for the boardwalk restoration and plank walkway. We will ask the town board to name it after Dan Driscoll and Bob Price, both of whom were major contributors to its establishment.
- Amy will reach out to Sarah Walsh of Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy about presenting a talk about beavers.
- We could prepare an activity for kids to help assemble new nesting boxes for ducks.

Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs)

Map Library (for Open Space Inventory)

- We reviewed the maps that are in our possession. Some of them need to be updated.
 - Amy will ask Betty Ketcham if she can provide updates for them.
 - Another possible resource is Laura DeGaetano

Wetlands Boardwalk Restoration Project

- The town board has given us approval to purchase materials for the plank walkway and for the kiosk repairs.
- The plank walkway will begin near Street Road to block vehicle access into the sedge meadow.
 - Matt Schanz has ordered #2 stone and landscaping fabric to prepare the path for the plank walkway.
 - Ray Weiler has agreed to help with placing the underlayment and the stone.
 - We will need to mark out the path and clear some of the brush.
 - Nelson will plan out the turns and the ascent to the boardwalk and he will send drawings to us.
 - We may want to anchor the support sills to prevent them from floating when the area floods.
 - Augur anchors may be a solution
 - Eric will get lumber purchases lined up. He is looking for hemlock or larch.
 - We will ask the Town for help in picking up the lumber.
 - Nelson will line up purchases for fasteners.
 - We will use metal roofing material for the kiosk repairs. Plywood will not be required.
- This project needs to be completed by the end of 2023.

Other Discussion

At 9:28 PM, Nelson moved to adjourn, Eric seconded and all approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is planned for 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 19.