

**Burrillville Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by: Ron Lapierre at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:** Ron Lapierre, Samantha Young, Monique DeRoche, Adam Schatz, Roberta Lacey

**Guests-** Wallum Lake residents

**Accept July Minutes** - Samantha Young motioned to accept, Adam Schatz seconded. Unanimously accepted.

**Wallum Lake-** Lake level at levels up 3 inches, Ron opened dam. Ron will check again this week. No swimming sign up, litter has been less since sign went up. Need more signage.

Survey results of Wallum Lake residents- Mailed 37 surveys, 27% responded. Ron reported on results.

Lake water levels will be lowered on November 1 for winter.

**Town Conservation Plan-** No updates yet.

**Water Protection-** Samantha wants to design pamphlet on water protection for the town lakes and rivers. To distribute at town events and share at Lake Association meetings.

Spring Lake water sample report from URI. 13 samples over the summer results show O2 levels drop over the summer as temps get warmer.

**Nipmunk Trail-** No new reports. Ron posted new trail map. Need trees taken down in the fall.

**Quarterly Conservation Programs-** August Mushroom walk was educational and successful. Next event is guest speaker Dr. Clarkson at Library to be scheduled. Samantha motioned to allow no more than \$150 to pay for audobon speaker Dr. Clarkson. Seconded by Roberta Lacey. Unanimously approved.. Next Nipmuk walk Oct 14, 9:45am walk.

**Lapham Farm-** Trails are all marked and cleaned out, except for border trail which needs some more cleaning and trail clearing. Plan to send letter to nearby residents about trail opening.

**Branch River Park-** Trails are cleared and reblazed. Thinking about river trail (purple) safety as the trail is narrow, possible cable and fencing for safety. Move kiosk to other side of driveway.

**Rt 102 Gateway** -DOT mowed field.

**Old Business-** Church Street/ Eagle Peak Road Project- includes playground, playing fields and parking.

Duck Pond- Kiosk at the end of Duck Pond spur. Plan to mark trails.

Town map of canoe launches to use on town websites.

Union Pond property-Trails cleared to lake. Need to mark borders in fall. DEM will add kiosk and make parking area.

**Town Meetings-** Nothing new pending. Laphan Farm development is still being planned design is still not approved. East Wallum Lake Rd 5 homes with 2 acres development with wide buffer in back of land and critter corridors.

**Fiscal Year Budget-** New Budget year. Nipmunk sign, ads for hikes, East Coast Artisans for canoe signs were expenditures.

Approvals for No Swimming signs \$75.00, Post Hole digger handle for \$9.99.

Samantha Young made motion to spend no more than 75\$ for Wallum Lake signs.

Seconded by Roberta Lacey. Pay invoice of 34.95 for No swimming sign made for

Wallum Lake. Motion made by Samantha seconded by Roberta Lacey. Samantha

Young made a motion to reimburse Ron 9.99 for post hole. Seconded by Roberta

Lacey. Motion made by Samantha Young to spend no more than 50\$ on stickers for

youth who attend commission events. Seconded by Roberta Lacey. All motions

unanimously approved by all present.

**New Business-** Adam will steward Duck Pond trails.

**Adjournment-** Adam motioned to adjourn at 9:23pm, seconded by Roberta Lacey.

Unanimously approved.

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Ronald P. Lapierre, Chairperson / Date