

LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION - NOTES

May 09, 2022

Present: Sandra, Lisa, Jan, Katie, Tina

March and April meeting notes were unanimously approved.

Willard's Woods Trail Maintenance

Sean Gryzb has been doing, and wants to continue trail maintenance in Willard's Woods. The LCC agrees that this is good.

We discussed creating a log and decided it was overkill for now.

Sean had suggested keeping the main roadway mowed and mowing and maintaining a new path around the perimeter of meadow areas.

Lisa will contact Jamie from MALT after re-reading the easement to determine if this is an option. If so, conversation will continue about possible impacts and any conflict between wildlife habitat objectives and recreation use. It was decided that Sean can mow existing trail through meadow and chainsaw and clear trails of wood. That wood will be tucked into the woods out of the trail way.

Sandra? will see that he gets a key from the town when needed for mowing. Katie will contact Sean with the info that LCC agreed he could mow and maintain existing pathways.

Willard's Woods Invasives

Tina will add Willard's Woods as an area to monitor during the invasives pull. Lisa brought up the Japanese honeysuckle that appears to be near the entrance. It was determined that invasive honeysuckle has hollow pith stems whereas the native species is solid.

Lisa will return to the woods to check and if identification is confirmed, will remove the invasive honeysuckle.

Sandra knows of a tool that makes larger woody plant pulling easier.

Willard's Woods Signage

A new deadline was set for MONDAY before the next meeting.

LISA, SANDRA, KATIE will have a signage meeting 6/6/22 to create a presentation for discussion at the main meeting.

Colby Hill Parking

Tina brought up that it is illegal to park on the side of town roads.

A suggestion was brought up that Ed might want to expand parking into his land.

LCC does not recommend creating a new or expanded parking area on the town forest.

Unanimous vote of attending members.

Interjected Clark Runway Discussion

Sandra brought up that the purview of the conservation commission is to promote water quality, wildlife habitat and healthy ecosystems and to consider things like noise pollution and impacts on the rural character of Lincoln. Since we don't know the impacts, we can't take a stance. The

LCC agreed that this was not a topic we could or should take a stance on due to lack of information.

Green Up Day Debrief

89 bags and 9 tires were collected.

Lisa will create a follow up post on Front Porch Forum.

Sandra will report the bags and tires to Addison County Solid Waste District It was suggested that future Green Up might be better served to finish at 1pm when the dump closes to avoid confusion.

Look for a collaborative partner for next year to grill hot dogs

Create a prize for the most bags collected.

Honour or create a prize for the most unusual object collected.

Lisa contact Tina to learn Craig Brown's whereabouts to thank him for his donation. (Tina had to leave before the meeting adjourned.)

Invasives Pull

Annual Invasives Pull will be June 25.

Consider garlic mustard removal and renewed attention to wild chervil.

There is significant garlic mustard on Colby Hill Road for example.