

## **Sharon Conservation Commission**

**Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm**

### **Minutes**

Members in attendance: Scott Chestnut, Malcolm McShinsky, Troi Perkins, Sam Brakeley, Dick Ruben, Donna Foster

#### **Green Up Day**

We collected a lot of “stuff” and collected enough money to come out \$90 above. It cost \$600 to get rid of tires. \$420 was collected. It was a banner year for scrap metal, so \$300. Dump fees were minimal. The operation did not cost anything. Filled up dump truck with bags of trash. Lunch was a big success, although it was tight in the Steele Chapel.

Note: after the music event on Sat, Malcolm reported that an event tent was donated, that could be shared for future events.

Need to be bigger and better? More people collected the trash. With the publicity, they showed up. Higher age bracket, but that’s our population.

Great if Boy Scouts could go through the bags for redemption. Nasty ones in trash. Suggestion for the Rec Dept to help. More community engagement.

Resident reached out after learning about jumping worms at plant giveaway.

Troi is officially accepting Green Up Day handling. Ordered bags, have gloves, for next year from Green Up Vermont. Dick will share email and get them connected. Have not heard complaints from Evergreen Recycling in Wilder. Check in after the first of the year and check in ahead of time. Alan, new road foreman, very cooperative.

Group of active volunteers help out up at the town garage. Used to have poster contest at the school with the winning classroom getting a pizza party from the conservation commission.

Bags were available at library and town offices, with sign ups.

### **Sharon River Access**

Stone steps, kiosk, parking lot complete Phase I. Clean up adjacent for picnic area. Phase 2, WRP funding for phase 2. Hopefully for next year. Flat space . Need to keep various paths free of brush that lead to the beach. Erosion control, more staircases proposed and maybe a future phase. Springtime proposed work days each year. Info graphic on poison ivy for identification. Test areas for vinegar and soap.

Avery's Rocks river access, SoRo Sharon/line @ RiverBend... steps in there.

### **Cemetery**

Cemetery Association maintains active cemeteries vs. Cemetery Commission. Question was asked about poison ivy control. We'll experiment with what might work such as pulling the poison ivy with protective gear and a Google-found solution of vinegar and covering an area.

### **SES tree pruning**

Malcolm will coordinate with Dulce Ohare.

SCC events throughout the year? Ideas are welcome.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Foster, Secretary