

Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Present: Bruce Hunter, Greg Durgin, Jerry Bley, Jaaron Shaw, Marty Hanish, Linnea Koons,  
Absent: Andy Walsh

Review of the July 11, 2023 RCC meeting minutes, voted to accept based on a few edits

**New Business**

**Vernal Pools**

The Vernal Pools map based on data collected from 1010 to 2012 is completed by Stantec Consulting Services. It was presented at the meeting. The discussion that followed elicited the request for the following edits:

1. Remove the date on the heading
2. Change note No. 1 to read: Vernal Pools were field verified by volunteers from the town of Readfield in the springs of 2010 - 2012
3. Change the color of the Significant Vernal Pool symbol to a bright red
4. Please add the location data for Significant Vernal Pools numbers 311 and 314.

**No Hunting Signs**

Linnea and Bruce will spend 2-3 hours putting up No Hunting signs at TPNP to see how much time it takes to post the signs

**Pollinator Garden.**

It will be important to start small when planning the Pollinator Garden. Bruce recommended a space that is 15 ft. x 15 ft. It may be difficult to find volunteers to plant and weed the garden. It will take a big commitment. It was mentioned that Marianne Perry may be interested in helping with the garden.

**Milt Wright**

Marty suggested that we name a trail after Milt. He will look into how that is done.

**Old Business**

**Ag Allies Grassland Bird Habitat Signs**

Linnea will seek out Shaun Drinkwater at Maranacook to ask him if we can place the Grassland Bird Habitat in the south and southwestern fields near the school. We want to delay mowing where the birds nest in May and June.

**Fairgrounds Working Group**

The next meeting of the Fairgrounds Working Group will be 9/14/23.

### Invasive Species Grant

Harold Burnett of Two Trees Forestry will be working on the invasive species plan for the town forest so that we can use the grant from the Department of Conservation to reduce the amount of Honeysuckle that has grown up where trees were harvested.

Submitted by Bruce Hunter