

Meeting Minutes
ROCKLAND PRESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 PM
North Madison Congregational Church

Meeting called to order: 7pm

Attendance: Joe Oslander, Jason Engelhardt, Bob Kuchta, Lori Lodge, Dave Okamoto, Austin Hall, Cecily Baran

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- a. 1st – Dave
- b. Jason
- c. Unanimous

3. Chair's Report

- Two barrels from the Pollinator Garden project are empty. These barrels will be removed.
- The town has a new system that all commissions and committees will begin using. Lori has been through the training and Joe will be taking it in the coming days.
- The proposed revisions to the Planned Development District guidelines from the P & Z Meeting were reviewed.
- The 2023 Goals & Projects for Rockland have been reviewed and are on track for success.

4. Other Reports

- The plexiglass needs to be replaced at the Renee's way entrance.
- Coan Pond Trail Reports are up to date.
- Cecily reported that the new pollinator garden has not experienced much deer damage. She is working on getting the trail markers for the pollinator garden and an information box which will hold laminated sheets describing the plants in the garden. An Eagle Scout will work on a viewing stand at the water's edge.
- All Habitat has announced March 30th as a tentative date to mow the phragmites on the south end of the pond.
- Many signs have been broken throughout the preserve and need to be replaced and some of the painted trail markings are starting to fade.
- The Lantern Fly is devastating habitats in the US. The committee discussed printing out the free online poster which shows the Lantern Fly in the various stages of its lifecycle and posting them on the kiosks within the preserve.
- Green-Up Clean-up Day is April 29th and the townwide event runs from 8 am -12 noon. Jason reported that he will host a Green-Up Clean-up Day for Rockland at another time.

- Jason reported that it is difficult to manage all of the trees that have come down. Some are too big for this committee to handle and should be taken down by professionals. A tracking system may need to be developed.
- Since the money that was awarded for bathrooms at Rockland cannot be used due to the difficulty in digging deep enough for holding tanks, the committee discussed utilizing the money for putting wells with pump handles on the preserve.
 - A motion to use the money awarded for bathrooms for wells with hand pumps was made by Dave.
 - Jason – second
 - Unanimously approved.

6. Adjourn – 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted-

Lori Lodge