

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of September and October minutes
Treasurer's Report
Programs
- Local Endangered species campaign/programs
- DEEP cottontail/habitat program recap/White Memorial Nature Center
- Ambassador hikes/educational campaign/Lyme and tick awareness
501c3 new hires, programs coordinator, and school field trips
instructor/coordinator
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission: Chairman Pam Georgas, Kevin Malone, Frank Graszynski
Clerk: Sheryl Baumann

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comments

No public comments

Minutes Approval

September minutes were approved as presented. Frank moved on the motion, Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

October minutes were approved as presented. Frank moved on the motion, Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Programs

Local Endangered Species Campaign/Programs

- A discussion was held regarding an Endangered Species Day event to be held at the Trumbull Library on May 18, 2013. The event would include refreshments, youth art contest exhibit and free giveaways (brochures, coloring books, etc.). Winterberry plants would be distributed because they are a good habitat for the New England Cottontail. The commission agreed to reserve the Trumbull Library community room from 12pm – 5pm. Rasa Malish is coordinating this event.

DEEP Cottontail/habitat program recap/White Memorial Nature Center

- Pam and Kevin attended an informational program on the New England Cottontail, at the White Memorial Nature Center. A DEEP employee may conduct a lecture at TNAC's Endangered Species Day event.

Ambassador hikes/educational campaign/Lyme and tick awareness

- Pam met with Samantha Holmes to discuss her interest in conducting lyme disease and tick awareness programs in coordination with TNAC. As part of her program, Samantha would like to lead a series of hikes in Trumbull in which she would identify invasive species that attract great numbers of ticks.

501c3 new hires, programs coordinator, and school field trips instructor/coordinator

- The Patrons of TNAC (501c3) will be offering Christina Miller the position of Program Coordinator.
- The Patrons of TNAC (501c3) will be offering Erik Oster the position of School Field Trips Instructor/Coordinator.

Old Business

No discussion was held.

New Business

Frank suggested that TNAC conduct a backyard habitat program similar to what the Land Trust had run.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, Nature Commission Clerk