**Walden Woods Conservancy**

**Committee Reports**

**September 2017**

**Community Garden:**

Nothing to report.

**Communications:**

Effort is focused on getting boundary votes back to Elite. Board needs to schedule a date for Notice and Comment session. Three Rules are pending Notice and Comment as well.

**Documents:**

Board should decide if in 2018:

1. The 2005 Declaration is sufficient as is

2. The 2005 Declaration should be rewritten eliminating appropriate sections pertaining to declarant as most rights have expired

3. The 2005 Declaration should be rewritten eliminating appropriate sections pertaining to declarant as most rights have expired, and other changes should be discussed and voted upon by the board. Documents Committee has a list of changes to propose.

The three options should be discussed now so that monies for legal review can be budgeted.

**Environmental:**

The Environmental Committee had a working meeting Saturday, September 9th. The trails were checked and cleaned for trash.

There was a downed limb from an oak tree that was blocking the trail. The limb was cut and removed.

The concrete spillway at big Walden Pond was checked for trash and flow. Due to the recent dryer weather, the pond level is lower but still much higher than in 2016. It remains at a reasonable level.

Per the rules, there are **no** bicycles allowed on the trails. The trails are for walking, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing. Please respect the rules as well as keeping dogs on leashes and picking up after your dog.

While the woods currently remain dry and leaves will be falling soon, please keep in mind that fire danger can be high in the fall so please be careful!

Your Environmental Committee

**Meeting House**:

The committee will meet October 4th, 8:00 PM, at the Meeting House. The 2018 Before/After check schedule will be finalized.

We are pleased to announce that Roland Bernier has joined the committee. We now have seven members.

Russo should be replacing plants that have died.

Chris should be finished obtaining three quotes for chimney repair. This will be a Conservancy reserve expense.

A solar motion detection light has been added to the side off the Meeting House near the door. It will light the handicap ramp.

Sprinkler/fire system due to be checked this fall. Detection batteries will be replaced in October.

**Rec & Social Committee:**

We had a good number of people attending.  Thank you for being there.

Pool Parties - These were a good success. We had events in June and August.  The July Party was rained out, but a few of us met in the meetinghouse.

It was decided to continue with these inside.  The first one will be November 3rd, 6 - 8 pm.  Diwali Celebration - will be held 10/15.  Viji is coordinating with the Indian community.  Social committee will supply paper goods and drinks.

        Table cloths (white) – Lynne

        Paper plates and napkins (150) - Lynne

        Soda - 2 cases of a variety - Armstrongs

        Juice - we have 30 in stock

        Water - 100 of the small bottles - Jennifer - donated by CWD

 Viji will need to be let in to the meetinghouse at noon and will need some help breaking down afterwards.

Food and Coat Drive - The date has been changed to Saturday Oct.28th.  I confirmed with the Windsor Food Bank.

We will meet at the Pond Patio or the Meetinghouse to coordinate the collection.

        Refreshments will be served to the volunteers.

            Coffee and munchkins - Shayne

            Water and cider - Lynne

At our Oct 16th meeting we will staple the flyers to the bags and determine the distribution and collection.

        I will have the flyer distributed by Oct 1st.

        Jennifer - please let us know of the empty units.

Happy Hour - scheduled for Nov 3rd, 6 - 8 pm at the meetinghouse.

The October meeting has been changed to Monday Oct 16th. Please bring your receipts for reimbursement.

Please let me know of any corrections or additions.

Thank you for your participation!

**Standards:**

See attached reports.

**Welcome:**

August 16 – September 19, 2017

Welcome Letters Sent: 7

4 Duplex (1 Owner; 3 Renters)

3 Townhome (1 Owner; 2 Renters)

Visits: 4

2 Duplex (2 Renters)

2 Townhome (1 Owner; 1 Renter)

Visits to be Made: 5\*

3 Duplex (1 Owner; 2 Renters) – Two visits are currently in the process of being scheduled.

2 Townhome (1 Owner; 1 Renter) – One visit has been scheduled.

1 Woodmoor (Owner)

\*There is one additional visit (Townhome renter) that will be added to our visit list as soon as the owner sends the lease and Contact Information Form to Elite. These documents have been outstanding since July. Currently, we don’t have names or contact information for them.