

**TNC Meeting October 10, 2020 @ 10am – TNC Amphitheatre**

**Attendance:** Beth Cauldwell, Jim Valem, Pam O’Neal, Emma Concannon, Michael Tucker, Elizabeth Morehead, Holly Zechar, Avi and Emily Eisbruch, Colin Brooks

### **Introductions**

**New members to the Committee:** Colin Brooks – former committee member, Cat Adams – helped with butterfly garden/ coming on as new land steward, Heather Good – new Thurston parent / wants to get involved in committee.

**Goats were a huge success! Raised \$1,940.38 (\$1,996 from 40 donations, minus \$55.62 in PayPal fees). Lots of positive feedback, lots of people visiting the goats. Talked about bringing goats back to another location around the pond, in the future.**

**Eagle and Gold Scout projects done this Spring/ Summer - trail maintenance on Easton pond circle, and Gold Scout restoration of shaded woodland with natives.**

**Butterfly Extension project – completed, only maintenance going forward.**

**Calendar of Events- TBD– need to see how the year progresses.**

**Willows and native flowers will be planted in area on pond, where past plants have been removed. Controlled burns for in spring (possible this fall)**

**Broken picnic table has been removed, possibly for fixing? TBD**

**Door on shed hung too low – need a couple volunteers to remove the door and fix asap. Possibly also add shelves inside the shed. Possibly service hours project for Eagle scout troops.**

**Internship inquiry by student Jake Zaborowski to begin in January 2021. Elizabeth will follow up with more details/ intern’s ideas/ plan for internship.**

### **Update from land stewards: Jim, Mike, Cat**

- 1. This year’s invasive control – no burns have been done this year, because of Corona virus. Burn still possible for Fall. Quote on removing phragmites on pond.**
- 2. Seeding**
- 3. Bluebird houses will be converted to wren houses by girl scout troop. Reduce hole sizes.**

**Work session scheduled for Sunday 10/11 -email has been sent / put on Facebook page to recruit volunteers**

**Call to Vote:**

- 1. Leaf blower for burns – estimated cost \$ 350.00 - board voted unanimously to proceed with purchasing leaf blower up to \$ 400.00**
- 2. Re-naming Thurston pond after Mike Conboy:  
Board voted unanimously to not proceed with re-naming Thurston pond after Mike Conboy.**

**Communications update from Emily – a lot of thank-yous on rain garden extension. Will work on newsletter about scout projects, future events.**