

Cabot Conservation Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

Present: Chris Duff, Cedric Alexander, Gary Gulka, Roland Payne, Jr., Dawn Andrews

Next Meeting: **July 10, 7:00 PM**

Draft minutes of May 8 approved without changes.

Public Comment

No public comment

Project Updates

Conservation Plant Sale – Cedric attended a debriefing meeting for the plant sale with Plainfield and Marshfield Conservation Commissions. There is a proposal being developed to simplify the sale by working directly with local nurseries to provide the plants, and we have an arrangement whereby we share in the profits when someone purchases at the nurseries through us. We will await the proposal before we decide about participation next year.

May 28 bird walk was a success. 38 bird species identified, 8 attendees in total.

Outreach and Event Planning

At last month's meeting there was a suggestion to do a town forest walk in the fall. See discussion below about beaver presentation.

Beaver Management Policy on Town Lands

Duxbury's policy was briefly discussed and there is support to continue the discussion on a town policy. There may be other town policies we can also review. Suggestion that we have a presentation on beavers as a part of a town-wide education effort on the ecological benefits of beavers and managing beaver conflicts.

Conservation Conference Survey

We filled out an online survey about the content of a statewide conservation conference being planned for next year.