

## James Russell

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The **July 26 meeting of the CC is cancelled**. Arnie is on vacation, Bob will be recuperating from back surgery (rescheduled for today), I will be unavailable, Doug is a maybe/maybe not, Steve, Jason & Mike are opting for Sept 27th, and our agenda is not pressing.

As August is never scheduled, our next meeting will be September 27th. Should a pressing item surface, I'll contact you fro a "Special Meeting".

~Bill

PS: I wrote a letter to Avalonia at our behest offering the 2.2 acre Bell-Cedar Swamp abandoned parcel. Sue Sutherland, their president, has indicated interest and I'll be scheduling a meeting with her.

PSS: I also wrote a letter to the BOS which you approved, giving our support to the Wild & Scenic River initiative of the Wood-Pawcatuck. Mary Ann & I kayaked another section of 9 miles of the river yesterday. Striking in its quiet meadering, largely unpopulated, and so worthy of preserving.

Wildlife seen: numerous Eastern Painted turtles, one bull frog, two osprey which followed us several miles. a cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfishers, barn swallows, orioles, redtail hawk,

finches, cardinals, no mosquitoes, a red wing black bird, and many LBB's (little brown birds), to name but a few. A real treasure trove of birds. Met 2 URI students studying the return of alewives and chad with similar techniques our son is doing with salmon in Northern California. We understand the state has stocked it with Cut-throat trout (?), normally only in the cold tributaries of the Pacific north-west. A fisherman caught a 26' and 2 more escaped.