



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2018

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Present: Michael Bissonette, Meg Handler, Bob Hyams, Kate Kelly

Guests: Alex Weinhausen, Jens Hawkins-Hilke

Call to order at 7:10 p.m., unofficial meeting

Jens Hawkins-Hilke helped us understand what he did to summarize the spreadsheet we used to vote on our priorities for our 5-year work plan. He averaged scores (including feasibility and priority), and highlighted those that scored greater than 3.6. We went through each work plan action item, and decided whether we'd like to carry it forward, then gave it an effort score of 0-5. After tonight, we will need to fill out more information on the spreadsheet, including anticipated costs, partners, notes, and timing of each task. Kate volunteered to organize the spreadsheet and add what she can, then send on to Bob/Alex to add more information. Michael will draft a timeline after this, which we will discuss at our March meeting.

Biofinder: Bob and Kate are familiar, and would be happy to help others explore the maps.

Kate updated us on:

- 1) Town Forest Steering Committee, which met January 31. We are promoting the online/paper survey until Town Meeting Day to guide priorities for Town Forest.
- 2) A presentation she will give on spring amphibian migration on Tuesday March 20, 6:30 p.m., Carpenter Carse library. To be followed by a field trip on a rainy night in April.
- 3) Golden-winged Warbler meeting will likely happen in mid March to look at habitat maps – Kate and possibly Bob hope to attend and will update us. In the spring, Mark LaBarr and Margaret Fowle plan to give a presentation here in Hinesburg on the results of the geolocator work they've done tagging Golden-winged Warblers from Geprag's. They also hope to do an event at Geprag's in the spring, possibly a banding demo and discussion of optimal habitat.

Recruitment: suggestions to work on youth CC member, and do small discussion groups over pizza.

Nature Notes

Adjourn