



## Conservation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2018

- Draft -

#### 1. Call to Order - 7:00 pm

Present: Michael, Kate, Marie, Bob, Meg

Visitor: Lynn

#### 2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Bob adding Tiny Grants

Moving Marty to 7:30

#### 3. Tiny Grants due Friday AVCC.

Meg and Kate will submit grant for bat houses.

#### 4. Mark Labarr - Audubon Vermont

Unable to attend the meeting. CC will reschedule with Mark. Kate brought up

May 10 Winged Warbler presentation and should CC sponsor. CC will help sponsor and Kate will sponsor.

#### 5. Green Up Day - Saturday, May 5

Without the recycling center wondering what role CC needs to support the Town. Should we focus on Geprag's Park? Locations for trucks still at Town Garage. CC will be manning trucks from 8:30-3:30 on May 5.

- 8:30-11:00 -- Mike & Marie
- 11-1:30 -- Meg & Kate
- 1:30-3:30 -- Bob

#### 5. Marty Illick - Lewis Creek Association

Marty showing the product that Charlotte has in regards to biodiversity around the Lewis Creek and LaPlatte Watershed completed in 2008. Looking at the habitat mapping and layers for this region. Marty explaining the process they went through in mapping the ecosystem of the Lewis Creek Watershed.

Marty going to Charlotte website and how the maps were organized. The goal was to make sure the maps were accessible by the community. Everything is under the link of subdivision and site assessment link. Charlotte uses this map as a planning map. The map can constantly be updated and Charlotte is still working on who is responsible for this and the logistics of when it is updated. The criteria is clearly presented for applicants to follow or boards to use while review a plan. Plan is proactive.

Questions were asked about how Charlotte is using the maps and buying the easement rights. CC of Charlotte has a larger fund that supports these purchases with other interested parties. Grant sources were utilized in helping to fund the project.

Chittenden Regional Planning houses the main map and could explain how the information on the map gets synced.

## **6. Work plan follow up. Discussion, impressions, next steps**

### Mapping Project

Discussion on work plan and mapping for the town. CC needs to connect with consultants and for us to figure out the uses of the map. Is it just for planning, for boards to use to evaluate permits, educational uses, for people to look at as they think about possibly developing their property, a tool that prioritizes CC land purchases, etc.

What are the first steps in getting this process going? Before getting a consultant CC will need to look at how other towns present their maps which ones we like. CC's goal is to possibly have this project completed in the year 2020.

Meg and Bob will look into 3-4 other towns that have the mapping similar to Charlotte and how they use it. Mike will connect with Alex on RFB and funding sources. This will be brought to next meeting.

### Timeline of Projects for CC

Kate has them all in an excel document. CC will look at this draft at the next meeting.

## **7. Board April Reorganization Discussion**

Getting members and keeping members. This will occur at next meeting during the next meeting due to the late time.

## **8. Approval of Minutes**

- January 9, 2018
- February 13, 2018

All voted in favor of adopting.

## **9. Nature Note**

- Mike is bummed sugaring is over as it was a great family adventure.
- Bob watched his dog kill a bunny.
- Kate's presentation went really well. Hollow Road this Thursday is the field trip portion. She also went out a few weeks ago and over 2,000 frogs and salamanders crossing road in Salisbury.
- Meg is noticing goldfinches bright yellow in snow.
- Marie saw Scarlet Macaws in Costa Rica and saw an anteater.

## **10. Adjourn**

Future: Mission Statement Discussion