



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019

Present: Michael Bissonette, Kate Kelly, Megan Handler, Marie Ayer

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None

Budget for Next Year - Sharing last year's budget and finalizing it for Select Board. Geprag's Park one additional mowing a year, including mowing/trimming around the sign.

2020 Annual Report Submission - Write up is due on December 12. Created a list of items that the CC has completed this fiscal year. Natural Resources, Working plan for Geprags, Sponsored Master Naturalist program in Hinesburg.

Letters to HCC - Vermont Youth Conservation Corp looking for job opportunities in the town through the HCC. This Thursday 6-7 at Carpenter Carse library to talk about rivers and ways to improve habitats. Saturday is an outing near Lincoln Hill.

Update September Minutes - No quorum to approve.

Nature Notes - None

Haystack Crossing Discussion - Mike excused himself from the discussion. It is set to be discussed at the December DRB meeting. Kate shared her ideas and thoughts on the project and how HCC might comment on. She was worried about the buffer next to Patrick Brook and while it meets standards it might not be wide enough. The stormwater pond is over part of the natural wetland area and in the southeast, some development is over the natural wetland. Will there be adequate maintenance of these stormwater areas. Kate would like to see minimal lawn and garden maintenance that have more native plants. Making angled curbs near wetlands/stormwater areas for amphibians and other smaller animals needing to access those habitat areas. Should there be a natural resource maintenance plan for common lands.

Meg added her concerns over the building in the flood plains and that this development will have a road that cuts across. She feels the scale of it is out of scope for our town and tax our systems (police, fire, etc.) and the impact on water quality.