



Date & Start Time: 4/18/2017 **Start Time:** 7:00 PM
Meeting Type: Conservation Committee Monthly Meeting **End Time:** 9:20 PM
 (Second Tuesday)

INVITEES/ATTENDEES:		HANDOUT(S):
Allan Thompson (Att.) (Chair)	Nick Waringa (Att.) (Appointee – Note Taker)	Nightly Agenda
Joan Beard (Att.) (Appointee)	Katrina Van Tyne (Potential Appointee)	
Steve Hagenbuch (Att.) (Appointee)	Meg Taylor (Potential Appointee)	
Mike Hedges (Abs.) (Appointee)		

Document Approvals	
Item	Approved?
Draft Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meeting Minutes – March 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Draft Agenda	
Agenda Item	Reviewed?
Introductions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Review and approve agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amendment of WCC bylaws A. Specifically, section V. Membership with the purpose to increase commission capacity by increasing seats.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roundtable updates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bird event planning A. Task delegation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kent McFarland event planning A. Budget B. Task delegation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Long term Conservation Planning A. Project/resource prioritization B. Strategic planning	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motions	
Item	Approved?
Motion to spend \$100 worth of WCC dollars on the iNaturalist event (Kent McFarland)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order Time: 7:15pm

MEETING MINUTES				
Item #	Time	Item/Update	Comments/Minutes	Action Items/Takeaways
1	-	Minutes Review, last meeting		None
		Amendment of WCC bylaws	A quick conversation occurred on amending the bylaws due to increased interest from community members in the WCC. However, this topic was put on pause as the interest matched current membership size.	None
2	-	Roundtable – Planning Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) met with the planning commission to discuss renewable energy project citing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Act 174 (recently enacted) defines (paraphrase) a method for Towns to obtain PSB deference on new renewable energy projects. - CVRPC reviewed the current town plan (up for revision by the town in 2018). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allan asked Nick to reach out to the Town Planning folks to clarify/understand how we might be able to help. - Allan suggested

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Plan is compliant with statute o Plan had a few minor weaknesses identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional information should be added to include historic and natural features that have significant meaning/value to the community. - It was noted that under Act 174 renewable energy is “all or nothing” the plan must encompass all renewable energy types (not specifically reject types). Towns can help control sizing and siting by defining things in the town plan. - The Town of Waterbury is one of 3 towns receiving help from the CVRPC. Maps (developed by CVRPC) and plans are due late April. The deadline for a draft “enhanced plan” (enhanced town plan including renewable) is due July. - A review of the maps by CVRPC yielded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sun potential: Gregg hill and east of 100 o Wind potential: Entire top of Worcester range - On May 11th a meeting will be held with the public by CVRPC at the Waterbury Town Hall to review more of the Act 174 process. - Nick: Noted in the public comment section the WCC’s desire to have a natural/environmental inventory. The Planning Committee was interested in this work to help as a tool to use in planning. Nick mentioned the time frame is fluid now and may not meet the needs of this round of planning for Act 174. 	having someone attend planning meetings during this period may be useful. Asked for volunteers. (Katrina... Nick?)
3	-	Roundtable – Shutesville Public Service Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan provided an update on the Public Service Board hearing between parties in Vermont and Verizon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Day 2 had not occurred at the time of this meeting o Day 1 session was long and it was mentioned the sessions may spill into a 3rd day o The sessions were somewhat contentious. o Recognized attendees: ANR, Save North Hill, Town Lawyers, Stowe Town Planner o Was defined that Verizon built a plan on North Hill development without consulting the town plan or looking at alternatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verizon did not identify Shutesville and the conservation items in the town plan as being in conflict. o Town legal focused on view and grading concerns with the property. It was identified that some areas of the access road had final grading plans inconsistent with original plan submittal. The grade at some points on the access road is excessively steep. o The meeting construction was interesting – 1 PSB representative governs the meeting... puts together a final product and brings back to PSB to decide. o Was mentioned that attendance appeared irregularly large for events of this nature. - There is no date for resolution/judgement defined currently. 	None, wait and see
4	-	Roundtable – Welcome Megan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Megan was introduced as a potential WCC appointee. Megan has a background in renewable energy and Waterbury as she works for Sun Common and lives/has grown up in Waterbury. 	None
	-	Roundtable – Waterworks conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve provided a quick update on the status of meetings with the public works folks on conserving the waterworks property. No new news here yet. - Meeting scheduled for a discussion with the public works folks. Steve can’t go, Allan pinch hitting. 	Steve/Allan to update as more info available.
5	-	Bird Event Planning – June 10 th 7:30-9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief discussion on event itself. - Was mentioned that attendance is capped at (24?). - Was mentioned that we may need additional help running a team. - Tentatively mentioned that Steve and Allan would run groups. - Parking was discussed, concluded it won’t be an issue. 	- Nick to post the Bird event and Kent McFarland event in the Record

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both the Bird and Kent event will need marketing and refreshments.
6	-	Kent McFarland Event Planning – TBD, June 8 th ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief discussion on the event itself. - Motion: Motioned to spend approx. \$100 on the event. Motion upheld. - It was mentioned the iNaturalist event may be of interest to the Crosset Brook coordinator. - It was mentioned that Katrina should take over and work on the Facebook site for engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Steve agreed to pass credentials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan to work on scheduling WDEV for Kent. - Steve to give Facebook credentials to Katrina. - Allan? To follow up with Town of Stowe Planner on their attendance at this event.
7	-	Long term Conservation Planning	<p>Shelved due to time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was concluded that dedicated sessions (either as one of the regular meetings or an off-schedule meeting) may be a better way to focus time on this. 	None

OTHER NOTES:

Exact conversation times weren't tracked for these notes.