

Waterbury Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes for
Tuesday 5/16/2017
7:00pm-9:10pm

Location: Steele Conference Room, Municipal Office,

Attendees: Allan Thompson, Nick Waringa, Joan Beard, Mike Hedges, Katrina Van Tyne, Meg Taylor and Sam Miller

1. Introductions
2. Review and approve agenda – Sam Miller issue added.
3. Amendment of WCC bylaws to increase membership of Commission
 - Members discussed the pros and cons of adding to the membership to 9 requiring a quorum of 5.
 - Mike Hedges offered up his resignation to allow membership and quorum to remain at 7 and 4 respectively.
 - The vote passed 3-0-1
 - Prospective members will be going before the Selectboard for appointment.
4. Sam Miller offered up two of his concerns that he thought that the Commission should take up.
 - Japanese Honeysuckle Invasive – The Natural Resources Conservation Service has a cost sharing grant option to assist with larger land tracts.
 - Salt usage for winter road maintenance – This might be a better topic for the Selectboard rather than the WCC.
 - Allan was going to follow up with Sam as to the Commission's thoughts on these.
5. Event Check in
 - Bird event – Saturday, June 10th 7:30AM-9:00AM at Waterworks. Attendance is filling in nicely. Posters are available to post. Emails were distributed, Katrina has posted on the WCC Facebook page and Joan discussing with Eric Michaels for WDEV.
 - Kent McFarland - VtAtlas Presentation at GMC Thursday June 8th at 7:00PM. Posters will be available for distribution. Mike to contact SLT to have them bring refreshments. Chair setup at 6:16.
6. Overview of Energy Plan Meeting
 - Waterbury is one of 3 towns getting CVRPC assistance to help draft a plan.
 - Energy Plan must be integrated into each applicable section of the Town Plan.
 - Must designate areas in each town for renewable energy location.
 - Could use help in identifying Historic and Natural Resource Areas
 - Joan to contact Steve Lotspeich about next steps and how the WCC might assist.
 - Meg to check with Duncan McDougal on taking credit for the considerable amount of residential solar in town.
7. Continue Long Term Conservation Planning
 - Project/resource prioritization Brainstorming Session
 - In the brief time allotted there were a considerable number ideas developed for further prioritization and development.
 - Allan kept notes and is going to organize them for a future meeting work session.
8. Next Meeting 7:00PM June 20th at the Municipal Office, Steele Conference Room