

Waterbury Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4/10/18

Municipal Office Conference Room

Attending: Allan Thompson, Steve Hagenbuch, Meg Taylor, Nick Waringa, Erin Hurley, Krista Battles, Tracy Sweeney, Cortney Giles

Minutes approved

Term Limits – After a discussion of term lengths and necessity for Selectboard attendance, both Erin and Nick agreed to 4 year term extensions.

Jed Murdoch Martin Presentation April 12th – WCC responsible for room setup at GMC. Commissioners encouraged to show up at 6:15 for chair and table setup. SCC to provide refreshments. Sue Morse we presenting 4/19/18 at Waterbury Town Offices (Similar to the one she provided for us previously)

VRC & Thacher Brook Match Request – There was an update on this initiative. Lydia Mendez-Parker joined in for the update and discussions. The goal is to establish a 50 foot vegetative buffer along Thacher Brook and limit development. Property owner Chris Parsons was one of the few responsive property owners. The grant for this property was submitted but denied until the grant rules can be reviewed and revised. Looking for a commitment from Waterbury in the form of a match from WCC for around \$5,000. WCC to consider \$2,000 (or something less). In-kind matches are possible.

Shutesville Hill Partnership Update – Regular meetings changing dates, next May 2 from 1:00-4:00 at Waterbury Town Offices. Emphasis now is for outreach to Property owners A MOU between the membership parties is now being developed for funding. Two properties are first to be discussed and meetings are being set up with the land owners. The Partnership is looking for the WCC to provide outreach with property owners, media and other local interests.

Waterbury Lands Initiative – This group is working with Revitalizing Waterbury on a MOU to work under their umbrella to develop a feasibility study for the conservation of the Sayah Farm on VT100. The primary goal is to study is explore the possibility of acquiring the property for recreational purposes. This might be a good location for safe novice and intermediate bike trails which are lacking in the area. The study will also look at the possibility of linking with the bike trails at Little River through Lands of the State. Steve is the Chair of the WLI with Alan as Secretary. Steve will send out a note when the next meeting is scheduled.

Wallace Farm – The group wanted to acknowledge the loss of the Wallace Farm to fire recently.