

**Waterbury Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes – 8/14/2018**

Present: Allan Thompson, Steve Hagenbuch, Joan Beard, Nick Waringa, Krista Battles, William Shepeluk, Steve Lotspeich

1. Agenda approved.

2. Budget discussion

- Bill Shepeluk distributed and reviewed past and present Conservation Commission budget.
 - Conservation fund was established to act as an operating budget for the Conservation Commission. It was not intended to be used as funding for land conservation.
 - The amount of funds allocated to the account varies depending on the amount that is used yearly.
 - Donations may be collected and held in trust if the donor specifies that they would like the funds used to a specific purpose.
 - There is high percentage of conserved land in the town of Waterbury, and thus future land conservation projects will have to bear in mind their effect on town tax dollars.
 - The Commission will draw up an itemized operating budget proposal to fund programs, advertising, and materials through the year. The proposal will be presented to the select board in late November.

3. Town Planning discussion

- The town continues to consider the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor as it proceeds in the re-zoning process.

4. Shutesville Update

- On Monday, August 27, 2018 the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor Partnership will hold an information session and fund-raising workshop for volunteers helping to raise funds in support of the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor project.

5. WLI

- The WLI continues to optimistically explore potential lands for conservation.

6. Other

- There will be a free showing of a Patagonia- funded wildlife documentary at Vermont Trail Wear at 6pm, on August 23, 2018.