



## **Waterbury Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes – 2/12/19**

Attendance: Allan Thompson, Steve Hagenbuch, Tracy Sweeney, Joan Beard, Nick Waringa  
Guests: Bill Woodruff — Public Works Director, Town of Waterbury

### **1. Agenda Reviewed - No Quorum**

- Tracy arrives later, reviews and quorum on approval

### **2. Invasives Conversation - Little River State Park**

- Mike Hedges reached out a few weeks ago, Bill came to speak
  - Challenges with mowing (budget wise) — Did not make budget to mow more frequently earlier for this year
- Cutting — 1 week early in June, 2 weeks later part of July
  - Machine is rented 3 weeks a year
- Looking for guidance from the Commission on mowing... when to mow, which species go to seed?
- For chemicals — Not much experience except for lagoons
- Bill looking for assistance from us, how to manage... what are the management strategies
- Advisement from us - We don't know exactly how to arrest Wild Chervil (RE: Little River) but will research.
- The department reviewed options for mowing and presented a few.
- Steve: What is a good way to work with you on invasive plant management in your area?
  - Bill: Interested in working to develop a plan and bring it to the board
  - Mike Ingals - Intervail conservation nursery -- Contact for developing plans
  - Elizabeth Spinney - Invasive plant person with Forests and Parks

### **3. Budget Update**

- Allan Thompson and Erin Hurley went to Select board.
  - Some discrepancy between our thoughts on the conservation fund and the Town Administrators understanding were covered
  - No particular questions on the budget from the Board.
  - Budget passed, budget is in the overall town budget

### **3. Zoning Meetings**

- Nick: Zoning meetings continue to review the revised Zoning Regulations. Focus is on downtown currently.
- Shrewsbury has a wildlife corridor overlay
- Source — Vermont Natural Resources Council VNRC
  - VRNC has case studies
- Nick: Took action item to begin working on a proposal to submit to the Planning Commission on Shutesville Hill. -- We'd like to have comments on an overlay district by March 11th.

### **3. Misc.**

- Tracy: How do I get the agendas in advance for the DRB
- Allan and Mike will be bringing the invasive topic to the Select board next week — Talk to them about working on a proposal
- Steve will contact Jack O'Wril with update (Little River)
- Allan to ask Mike to take point on mitigation plans
- Invasive Top 5:
  - Chervil
  - Parsnip
  - Knotweed
  - Phragmites
  - Honeysuckle