Waterbury Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes – 3/12/2019

Present: Allan Thompson, Steve Hagenbuch, Mike Hedges, Joan Beard, Nick Waringa, Krista Battles, Tracy Sweeney

1. Agenda approved.

2. Chervil update from select board neeting

- Look into when the town is planning on mowing
- Goal to keep Little River State Park free of chirvel
- Two timely mowings a year would go a long way in limiting the further spread
- O Steve to look into a grant for an additional mowing
- Mike to take lead on communication with town and delegate surveys to identify invasive species locations

3. LEAP Table

- LEAP asked if we wanted to get a table at the energy fair to talk about the commission, Shuttsville, invasive species, etc.
 - o Date: Saturday, April, 6th
- The WCC has provided information at a table in the past
- We do not have anyone available to run the table at that time

4. Planning Commission DRB Updates

- The commission is looking to consolidate the zoning plan.
- There seems to be increasing interest in the zoning plan from the community.
- We should look at the areas that are currently conservation zoned to be sure that they are still the highest area of priority for conservation today. This consideration should have SWC in mind.
- Some public input on the need for commercial designation of VT100 properties
- Dave Lathrop handed in feedback on Conservation Districts and Residential 2 acre
- Many thanks to Nick for attending.

5. Shuttesville Updates

- Fund-raising meeting occurred within space between our last meetings
- SLT concentrating on a large fundraising campaign on the Worcester's
- Continue to tie Town officials into Shuttsville corridor map and information
- Next fundraising committee meeting date unknown

6. Future Workshop Ideas

- Bird Walk: At Waterworks property in the SWC
 - June 8th, 7:30 9am
- Invasive species: Potentially an outdoor walk?
 - o Bring land owners together to educate them on common species identification and removal
 - Elizabeth Spinney Coordinator for parks and recreations
 - Mid-july

- o Perhaps partner with Little River State Park on this project
 - Steve will reach out to the naturalist at LRSP
- Shuttesville information session: part 2
 - o We had an information session of this sort last summer
- Wildlife Event discussed the possibility for bringing in Sue Morse's "Big Event"
- Tracking workshop in the Shuttesville Corridor

7. Other

- Briefly discussed Nick's SWC overlay district early draft
- Stormwater Education could be an emphasis area for WCC