



**Waterbury Conservation Commission
Minutes (Adopted by the Commission on September 9, 2020)
August 11, 2020
Via videoconference**

Commission attendees: Allan Thompson (Chair), Linda Gilpin, Steve Hagenbuch, Mike Hedges, Erin Hurley, Tracy Sweeney, and Billy Vigdor

Commission absences: Krista Battles, Joan Beard

Public: Lewis Grove

- Meeting convened 6:00 pm
- Lewis Grove was introduced. Lewis is a recent Vermont Law School Graduate interested in wildlife biology and land conservation. He is interested in getting involved with the Commission.
- The Commission discussed the scope of its authority as set forth in the bylaws.
- Officer positions were reviewed. The Commission agreed to create a Vice Chair position that would focus on administrative functions including planning and notifying meetings, ensuring minutes and agenda are filed with the Waterbury Town offices and other matters delegate to the Vice Chair by the Commission. Mike nominated and Steve seconded Billy as Vice Chair. Billy was elected by unanimous consent. Allan will continue as Chair, Erin will continue as Treasurer, Krista will continue as Secretary.
- Mike and Erin reviewed efforts to document and identify invasive species near Perry Hill Road. Videos were taken. The videos will be reviewed, edited and made available to the public for education purposes. The Commission discussed the invasive species that predominate in Waterbury (e.g., Honeysuckle, Chervil, Parsnip, Greek Grapevine and Black Locust). The Commission also discussed whether other organizations around Waterbury would have similar interests and would make good partners for the Commission. The Commission consensus was that organizations with invasive species concerns had disparate interests and there were no other obvious partners. The Commission also discussed possible grants that could be available to support the Commission efforts.
- The Commission continues to work on developing a Website and design.



- Allan will reach out to Jamie Benson to determine his interest in helping design the website. The Commission discussed the need to keep information current and creating a new content, as well as a fixed landing page.
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Billy Vigdor