



The Waterbury Conservation Commission held a warned meeting on **April 8, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Present: Amy Marshall-Carney, Josh Lincoln, Rachel Campbell, Marcy Blauvelt, Marty Johansen, Meg Baldor, Angela Hillsman, Mike Bard

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Agenda Review & Modifications

- Agenda accepted as published

Public Comments

- None

Meeting Minutes WCC 25-03-12 Review & Approval

- Approved as presented

Town of Waterbury 2023 Water Quality Monitoring Data

- (M.Johansen) reviewed 2022 and 2023 Water Quality Data to determine changes and tolerance limits. "Both nitrogen and chloride levels at all sites in Waterbury were below the maximum threshold of these nutrients for water quality standards in Vermont. We are mainly focused on the phosphorus levels as 4 out of 5 sampling sites in Waterbury are over the total phosphorus goal for Lake Champlain. This means that these tributaries are contributing to phosphorus levels in the lake rather than diluting it. It is important to mitigate this phosphorus inflow to decrease the contribution of phosphorus to the Lake coming from the Winooski Watershed."

Chair Updates

- (A.Marshall-Carney) provided the following updates with Commission member discussion:
 - Natural Resources Inventory:
 - On behalf of the Planning Commission, the Chair (Martha) presented several Arrowwood proposal questions relating to how the field assessments were to be conducted, how the work products differ from the plethora of free mapping data available, why a natural resources/communities inventory is helpful for municipal planning, and asked if the Town of Waterbury realizes the same results of a NR/CI by using the free mapping available. Alyssa (Selectboard Chair), Tom (Municipal Mgr), Martha (Planning Commission Chair) and Amy met April 3rd to resolve these open questions. Questions remained only Arrowwood could answer. A secondary meeting was scheduled for April 16th.
 - O'Reilly Gristmill project #093-24 Act 250 Party Status Petition:
 - Through the Act 250 party status process both the applicant and their engineer addressed the WCC's open questions. Subsequently, the State of Vermont's Land Use Review Board [approved the applicant's Act 250 permit.](#)
 - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

- On March 21st, the Town of Waterbury was notified by the Dept. of Forest, Parks and Rec EAB was detected in Waterbury. The Tree Commission will be taking the lead on mitigating effects of the EAB.
- Revitalizing Waterbury is sponsoring a Community Volunteer Fair - May 17th. The WCC will host a table.
- WCC Officer Appointments
 - Using a individualized voting method, WCC members elected, and respective members accepted the following appointments:
 - Amy Marshall-Carney - Chair
 - Malachi Brennan- Vice Chair
 - Angela Hilsman - Clerk/Secretary
 - Meg Baldor - Co-Treasurer
 - Rachel Campbell - Co-Treasurer

Communications and Outreach Planning

- (A.Hilsman) presented WCC members with ideas for focusing our communication efforts to local media outlets such as Waterbury Roundabout and Front Porch Forum. Members offered broader reach opportunities such as VT Digger, Seven Days, the World, and WDEV. Content discussions included: bird/animal of the week/month and trail of the week.
- In addition to news outreach, the Commission discussed in-person education opportunities. Ideas include: BioBlitz and self-led natural world identification.

General Action Items

- (Johansen) will meet with B.Vigdor to conduct site visit(s) and advise the broader commission on next steps.
- (A.Hilsman) to draft first news content - spring ephemerals and share with M.Blauvelt and J.Lincoln for final review and drafting. Will review at the May meeting.
- (M.Blauvelt) to follow-up with Revitalizing Waterbury Executive Director R.Clapp to confirm Community Volunteer Fair details.
- (A.Marshall-Carney) to develop Community Volunteer Fair table design and volunteer type narratives for WCC confirmation.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting May 16, 2025