



The Waterbury Conservation Commission held a warned meeting on **June 10, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Members Present: Amy Marshall-Carney, Annemarie Fortune, Marcy Blauvelt, Marty Johansen, Meg Baldor, Josh Lincoln (arrived late) Members of the Public: Pegeen Mulhern

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

#### **Agenda Review, Modifications, & Open Remarks**

- Agenda content as published remained the same.

#### **Public Comments**

- None

#### **Meeting Minutes WCC 05.16.25 Review & Approval**

- A. Marshall-Carney consolidated meeting minutes based on a meeting with the Town.
- M. Baldor believes that costs were higher for the plan than listed in the minutes - updated notes to reflect that the RFP was issued at said dollar value.
- M. Blauvelt votes to adopt the meeting minutes with A. Marshall-Carney recommended edits; M. Johansen seconded. A. Hilsman approved edits.

#### **Water Quality Data**

- M. Johansen was supposed to meet with Billy to discuss next steps but Billy did not attend the planned meeting.
- A. Marshall-Carney reached out to the Friends of the Winooski to request a public calendar to assist with volunteer engagement planning.

#### **Hope Davey**

- A. Marshall-Carney sent meeting to stakeholders following last WCC meeting requesting the two action items - moving hole 1 and developing a land management plan
- Meeting summary:
  - It took time to build consensus that there was a management problem and to consider how it would impact all stakeholders; in the end the importance of wetland functionality helped build buy-in on next steps
  - T. Lietz will reach out to Center Chains volunteers to provide them with an overview of the wetland needs and how that will impact hole 1.
  - Everyone agreed to put up wetland buffer signage - WCC to come up with content
  - Hole 1 changes are expected in Fall 2025.
  - Land management plan - Overall J. Lincoln, M. Blauvelt and A. Marshall-Carney are comfortable with the overall go-forward plan
    - A. Marshall-Carney reached out to CVRPC for examples; Stowe has example
    - Selectboard capacity to review and approve a Hope Davey Land Management Plan is limited.
    - WCC to learn about best practices; reach out to stakeholders, and plan development
    - WCC can start developing the plan now
    - T. Lietz indicated changes to hole 1 would impact the disc golf users in such a way that the course would be undesirable. Mowing and general course

upkeep is managed primarily by one volunteer. In a prior meeting between T.Lietz and the volunteer, the volunteer indicated if proposed changes were made, they would no longer be interested in volunteering their time to maintain the course.

- The stakeholder group will reconvene after the WCC's July meeting
- Signage
  - A. Fortune to check VTDEC website for sign content/example language
  - Signs needed at entrance to reduce footpaths and other access points
  - A.Marshall-Carney reachout to VT Wetlands Program regional contacts to determine if they have pre-printed signs.

### **Strategic Plan**

- Fundraising
  - M. Baldor to reach out to Ben & Jerry's Foundation regarding NRI
  - Other possible resources: Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns has lists of funding opportunities, VTDEC Grants opportunities webpage
  - WCC could host a fundraiser event - sell seeds, bear kits, etc.
    - Idea: Photo contest to create calendar to sell
- Mapping and Surveying
  - Use iNaturalist app to support grant opportunities - show public interest, data to support need, etc.
  - J.Lincoln to reconnect with UVM Field Naturalist professor
- Community Outreach
  - Facebook ownership has not yet been transferred. A.Marshall-Carney meeting with the prior owner before holiday.
  - A. Marshall-Carney to send out a media content calendar for ideas.
- Partnerships
  - Possible new partnerships: Children's room, Waterbury Public Library, Four Winds Nature Institute (currently working in Brookside), Recreation Department
- Additional thoughts:
  - J. Lincoln expressed that the most important role of WCC is advising decision makers on most important areas and best practices; how do we inform the plans and bylaws?

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

**Next Meeting July 8, 2025**