



The Waterbury Conservation Commission held a warned meeting on [October 14, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.](#)
Members Present: Amy Marshall-Carney, Malachi Brennan, Angela Hilsman, Annemarie Fortune, and Josh Lincoln.
Members of the Public: Peegeen Mulhern (WLI) and Sally Kulis (WLI)

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Agenda Review, Modifications, & Open Remarks:

- M.Brennan made a motion to adjust agenda topic order. Raising Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) topic to the first item of business. J. Lincoln seconded. A. Marshall-Carney, M. Brennan, A. Hilsman, J.Lincoln. All in favor, no objections.

Meeting Minutes WCC 09.09.25 Review & Approval:

- J. Lincoln made a motion to pass minutes. A. Fortune seconded. A. Marshall-Carney, M. Brennan, A. Hilsman. All in favor, no objections.

Public Comments:

- P.Mulhern (WLI) acknowledged WCC's request for a letter of support to pursue the 2026 Municipal Planning Grant. Also raising the following questions:
 - Will this grant application conflict with any other municipal grant applications? A.Marshall-Carney was unaware of any conflicts, noting T.Lietz - Town Manager initiated planning for, and is now in consultation through submission.
 - Asked for additional information on the grant process and purpose of the grant. A. Marshall Carney provided background and described how grants would be used to conduct a natural resource inventory of Waterbury to support the Town Planning process.
 - J. Lincoln and M. Brennan explained in response to questions how natural resource inventories differ from available state data—focused town-wide rather than initiated by projects or other specific programs.
 - A.Marshall Carney will provide additional letters with background information to all entities contacted for a letter of support, WLI noted this would be helpful and would review at their next meeting.

Review & Finalize UVM Proposal:

- A.Marshall-Carney, Thea Lowenberg (UVM Project Lead), along with the professor Laura Edling, and the UVM team conducted a walkthrough of the disc golf course at Hope Davey park to determine the scope of the student's undertaking.
- Based on historical and day of site visit observations and interactions, members of the disc golf community were confrontational. Some unwilling to entertain a student initiated discussion. For these reasons we decided to descope disc golf course alterations. T.Lietz and B.Woodruff are responsible for moving Hole #1 out of the class II wetland by the end of Fall (before snow). [UVM proposal [here.](#)]
- A.Marshall-Carney introduced herself to Mark Stirewalt (Center Chains - volunteer property manager) He acknowledged the need to move Hole #1 and was working on a plan with T.Leitz. A.Marshall-Carney, on behalf of the WCC, offered our support, if needed.
- T. Lowenberg: Three main goals to accomplish through November:

1. Organize a community event geared at elementary aged students. We'll read a forest themed book and ID plants and animals of the park.
2. Create barriers with rope to create visual cues that some areas, such as sensitive and wetland areas, are off limits.
3. Create environmental education signage to place around the park, such as a sign with reminders about how to use the disc golf area properly.

M. Brennan makes a motion to approve the proposal. J.Lincoln motions to amend M.Brennan's motion - conditional approval upon notifying M.Stirewalt ; A.Marshall-Carney seconded. All in favor, no objections.

A.Marshall-Carney to provide M.Stirewalt a copy of the final UVM proposal and address feedback.

2025 WCC Strategic Plan Check-In:

- **Celebrate September:** Leahy Institute Grant application is submitted, unfortunately we were denied this round. Municipal Planning Grant application has been drafted and shared with T.Leitz. A.Marshall-Carney has sent requests for letters of support from: Jens - VT Fish & Wildlife, Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor Partnership, Waterbury Land Initiative, CVRPC, and Friends of the Winooski.
- **Status Updates:**
 - A.Hilsman & A.Fortune - No compost event right now, Rachel is very busy. The library is always open to partnerships.
 - A.Marshall-Carney - Calendar: Wild Waterbury: Crossett Brook Middle School Student Art Celebrating Nature – first draft should be done by the end of the week. Incorporated all 14 student pieces. Fundraising for education and natural resource protection. The production cost is <\$500 for 100 copies. Marketing focused on the kids' art.
 - In order to sell the calendars a basic [website](#) has been created that allows ongoing fundraising efforts and community outreach. A. Marshall-Carney working with the Town Clerk for fundraising regulations.
 - J.Lincoln has engaged the UVM Master Field Naturalist program in land inventory assessment planning.
- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - Association for Vermont Conservation Commission's 2026 Tiny Grant application for education efforts.
 - WCC to plan for year end celebration and strategic plan reset. A.Fortune to partner with A.Marshall-Carney to prepare for 2026 strategic plan reset.
 - Collaborate with UVM Environmental Problem Solving & Impact students to progress Hope Davey restoration planning
 - Collaborate with UVM Naturalist students to progress NRI planning
 - Participate in Qtrly SHWC partnership meeting
 - Draft Winter Community outreach presentation and event plans
 - Create WCC event and outreach calendar

WCC Member Education Opportunities:

- Agency of Natural Resources – Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is sponsoring several upcoming webinars found [here](#)

Chair Updates:

- **Municipal Planning Grant:** A.Marshall-Carney letters of support are expected next week. Application final draft due 11/2 – submission due 11/3.
 - Entire funding allocation will go to a town-wide natural resources inventory. We sought this grant last year, but we were not successful – we were asked to stand down because the Planning Commission was seeking the same grant.
- **WCC Bylaws:** Select Board appreciated our efforts and committed to providing a decision at the upcoming SB meeting.
- **Stowe Conservation Commission:** Expressed interest in joining forces in a more structured way; A. Marshall-Carney to get more info.

Wrap-up & Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Next Meeting November 18, 2025