

The Waterbury Conservation Commission held a warned meeting on November 18, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 8:37 pm. Members Present: Amy Marshall-Carney, Annemarie Fortune, Marcy Blauvelt, Meg Baldor, Marty Johansen, and Josh Lincoln. Members of the Public: Mike Bard

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:26 pm.

Agenda Review, Modifications, & Open Remarks:

• A.Marshall-Carney made a motion to update the agenda allowing for substantial time to finalize our Natural Resource/Flood Resilience input to the Municipal Plan. A.Fortune seconded. All in favor, no objections.

Meeting Minutes WCC 10.14.25 Review & Approval:

 A.Fortune made a motion to pass minutes. M.Blauvelt seconded. All in favor, no objections.

Public Comments:

• M.Bard noted the WCC is doing a fine job.

2025 Strategic Plan Check-In

• Celebrate October:

- UVM Master Field Naturalist to partner with EFUD to conduct a Land Inventory Analysis on the waterworks parcel. EFUD will manage all aspects of the engagement.
- Walk in the Woods was conducted Sunday November 9th. There were several lessons learned that will be incorporated into future event planning. (e.g. avoid religious day, increasing community outreach and having several reading level books available to accommodate various age groups)
- Fundraising: Wild Waterbury Calendar: Remarkable student artwork! Members discussed the cost of the calendars, suggested selling price and order quantity.
 A.Marshall-Carney made a motion to order 100 calendars and sell them at \$10/each. A.Fortune seconded. All in favor, no objections.
- A.Hilsman created a draft <u>Outreach planning</u> calendar for members to review. Will be discussed at the December or January meeting.

• A look ahead:

- M.Baldor to draft <u>2026 Tiny Grant application</u> for Saturday, April 11, 2026 submission. Focus will be education and outreach.
- A. Fortune and A.Marshall-Carney met to review 2023-2025 strategic planning materials. A.Fortune will lead facilitation of our 2026 Strategic Planning session. Planning to extend meeting time 5:30p-7:30p. She will draft and share the meeting agenda with members. A.Marshall-Carney made a motion to conduct a 2026 Strategic Planning session during our January 13th, WCC meeting. M.Blauvelt seconded. All in favor, no objections.
- A.Marshall-Carney to finalize and publicize Wild Waterbury calendar
- Finalize Natural Resource/Flood Resilience input to Municipal Plan
 - Members reviewed updated content, which includes Natural Resources and Flood Resiliency, initially shared with the Planning Commission. A key differentiation between what the Flood Mitigation lead submitted is that

- the WCC's recommendations are proactive, focusing on the natural world and what needs to occur to mitigate flood impacts. Whereas, the Flood Mitigation group focuses on supporting people impacted by a flood.
- Members also discussed interest in providing comments to the Recreation section of the Municipal Plan.
- The Planning Commission asked that WLI and WCC partner to define and share available land protection/conveyance options for interested residents.
- Jens H. invited the WCC and Planning Commission to consider our position on parcelization. Once determined he advocated for us to explicitly highlight our intentions within our aspirations, goals and strategies.
- Members agreed to schedule a Special Meeting in the coming weeks to finalize our submission. A.Marshall-Carney to schedule.
- A.Marshall-Carney to draft and share 2026 WCC Budget Request. If MPG is not awarded the budget request will include funds to conduct an NRI. Additionally, during the Planning Commission's Natural Resource chapter review a couple townspeople advocated for the Town to fund the conservation fund. The fund could be used to partially fund land conservation efforts. This would demonstrate that the town is serious about conservation.
- A.Marshall-Carney to draft and share 2025 WCC Annual Report with WCC members
- M.Blauvelt is working with Jesse Mohr to prepare for the first winter education series presentation. It will be held at the end of February, co-sponsored with Stowe CC, and held at WSF&GC. The educational theme: Wildlife and Human Interactions.
- WCC members are encouraged to attend and contribute to the Land Use discussion on December 8th. Although requested, the WCC was not surveyed for this section.
 Other groups were. SHWC GIS maps were submitted to the Planning Commission last year.

Chair Updates:

- Municipal Planning Grant: T.Lietz requested more information to complete the MPG application. A.Marshall-Carney provided the requested information. The application was submitted.
- WCC Bylaws: Select Board approved updated bylaws.
- WLI: Meet and Greet scheduled for 11/20 at 6:30p
- SoV<u>VT Wetland</u> Rule Filing public input due 1/15/26.
- SoV <u>DEC Flood Safety Act 121</u> public comment period open
- Recreation Committee & RW is requesting input from WCC re: <u>Community Connectivity</u> <u>Survey</u>
- AMC role within <u>SW Community Alliance</u>

Wrap-up & Adjournment:

• Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Next Meeting December 9, 2025