

## Minutes CCC Meeting Feb 15, 2021

### Agenda:

- January Minutes Approval
- Craftsbury Town Meeting preparation regarding Good Neighbor Fund
- Update on Crafsbury Academy land transfer warning
- Update on Vt Conservation Commissions Information sharing
- March 15 meeting with Jens Hilke preparation and questions
- Other business (Notes for future Agenda items in Minutes)
- Adjourn

Present: Carol Maroni, Diane Morgan, Steve Moffat, Ashley Nunery, Elinor Osborn, John Broadhead, Farley Brown, Heidi Rich

Absent: June Cook, Susie Houston

Meeting Commenced at 7:00 PM

**Approval of January Minutes:** Diane motioned to approve the minutes of January. John seconded. All in favor, none opposed

**Update on Craftsbury Academy Woodlot Transfer:** Steve reported that the trustees will accept the transfer of ownership of the Academy Woodlot land if the voters approve the transfer. (From...?)

There is general agreement that such a transfer would provide stable ownership of the Woodlot land and avoid the possibility of the land being transferred to the school district as per act 46. It is generally agreed that this transfer would lessen the possibility of the Academy Woodlot land being sold.

**Update on Vt Conservation Commissions Information sharing:** Steve will look into how to pass on information regarding what other conservation commissions in the state are doing. He encouraged members of the Commission to become acquainted with the Vermont Conservation Commission Association.

**Craftsbury Town Meeting preparation regarding Good Neighbor Fund:**

Members of the Commission will continue reaching out to members of the community to inform them of the value of the Conservation Fund to the community, encouraging voters to vote "Yes" on Article (#?) providing funds from the Good Neighbor Fund to be appropriated for the Conservation Fund.

Steve will register with the Town for an opportunity to speak at the informational Zoom meeting preceding Town Meeting Day. Steve will open with the 8 criteria for potential conservation projects as put forth in the Conservation Fund Document. Carol will forward these 8 criteria to all Conservation Commission members to help in answering questions that may come up during our conversations with community members regarding how conservation funds can be used. Steve will also emphasize that any project proposals must come from community members and are not to be initiated by the Conservation Commission. During the informational meeting it was suggested that Steve have available the Conservation Fund Document to help answer questions on particulars of the Conservation Fund.

Carol encouraged all members of the Conservation Commission to be well acquainted with the 10 page Conservation Fund Document. There was general agreement that this is a good idea.

#### **March 15 meeting with Jens Hilke; preparation and questions:**

At the March 15<sup>th</sup> CCC meeting, at 7:00, guest, Jens Hilke will speak about act 171. Farley has also asked Jens to talk about the public engagement process and how to get the public engaged in a meaningful way.

This preliminary meeting with Jens will be a working session, with the possibility of a public meeting for a wider community audience at a future date when in-person gatherings are once again safe.

#### **Other Business and Future Agenda items:**

Diane and Elinor will draft a proposal for operating CCC meetings using a committee model.  
(Future Agenda Item)

It was noted that the CCC page on the Town Website needs to be updated with names current members serving on the CCC. Steve will put this on his list of three things to talk to Michelle about.

Farley has the final plate for Steve's memorial bench.

Elinor shared newly gleaned information on the importance of forest bees in pollinating forest-specific plants including cherry trees and other flowering woodland species. Forest bees are active during cooler, wetter weather than many other pollinators coinciding with the flowering of certain plant species. The source of this information was from "Wings" a magazine published by the Xerces Society.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

