

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Anne Bijur, Trafton Crandall, Mariana Du Brul, Suzy Hodgson,
Robert Hyams, Robert Mack, Gary Pittman, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman*

March 2, 2010 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

*In attendance: Trafton Crandall, Mariana Du Brul, Suzy Hodgson,
Robert Hyams, Gary Pittman, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman,
visitors - Fritz Taegets, Liam Murphy, and Jennifer Adsit*

Suzy Hodgson was appointed recording secretary for this meeting

December MINUTES were reviewed and approved.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- PC Activity Review (Trafton, Bob, Gary)

△ Review current applications

Deferred until next meeting

- Minutes protocol

Commission to keep rotating minutes keeper.

- Project Evaluation Matrix

Discussion about the criteria. we want to balance useful guidance criteria but not be too cumbersome.

Action - Proposed matrix will be updated by Bob with commission recommendations.

Action - Mariana to test project criteria with wetlands mapping

- email 'replacement', wikki, google docs...

Bob reiterated interest in replacing conventional email protocol with a "shared" document. Gary expressed reservations based on recent experience with another committee.

Action - Anne will review a couple of these options with Bob, to be presented at next meeting

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- Website

Bob suggested that the Town Website be used for mandatory postings and then linked to more advocacy-based CCC site. Howard spoke to a Waldorf student about helping out with designing website. An internship may be possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wetlands listing

Mariana consulted with Kim Greenwood about getting town wetlands listed on the State map. Application process is necessary but unclear where to start. Hinesburg is also interested. Kim is looking for grant funding to set up system. The status and timeline of updating and approval of maps is still unclear.

On a related note, Gary to invite Karen Bates (DEC Watershed Coordinator) to future meeting to talk about water testing and wetlands.

- Soil workshop

CCC is co-sponsoring soils workshop with Transition Town and NOFA on Thursday, March 25.

-Town Meeting

Town meeting was discussed. Holly reported that sentiment was against funding in general. It was agreed to create a fund structure for Trails, but no funds were approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Liam Murphy - presented sketch plan review application of 9 proposed houses (7 clustered) on this 50 acre property with its one residence. The siting of the houses are planned to avoid wetland areas and areas of high public value.

Fritz Taegetz recently purchased property in Charlotte. He expressed his frustration with the regulatory process in Los Angeles County . Commented on cooperative nature of Vermont planning process in contrast to CA.

Jennifer Adsit expressed concern about administration of the Conservation Fund. She feels the written policy had not been followed in the recent Raven Ridge application, and is in need of revision.

NATURE NOTES

sightings - bobcat, multiple bobcats, fox, redtails fighting over rabbit carcass, juvenile redtail attracting attention of birders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting, Tuesday March 23