

Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2014

Present: Roel Boumans, Joanna Cummings, Bob Hyams, Gary Pittman.

Public Comment – No public comment

Gary Pittman's retirement from the commission - The commission thanked Gary for his eight years of service to the town, as a member of the conservation commission.

Discussion of Site Assessment Protocol for Conservation Commission – deciding how to select a commissioner to perform site assessments for subdivisions was discussed, and in an earlier decision the commission agreed that the selected commissioner will speak on behalf of the entire commission when a site assessment is performed.

Ecological reports on file at the town office – a meeting with Jesse Mohr, Joanna Cummings and Jeannine McCrumb (town planner) has been set for April 11, 2014 to decide how to translate these reports as data for the habitat map.

CHIC, Frogbit and water quality stewardship program – Bob Hyams stated that the goal is the number of volunteer hours to measure success for frogbit project: six weeks of frogbit removal x 72 hours/week = 432 hours

- Roel asked about modeling what would happen if we don't do frogbit removal every year.

Other questions that were asked:

- Can treatments be done in different areas of the wetland to see what happens?
- Roel may be able to set up something to gather enough data for use at the state level.
- Another question for this project: are there bioindicators we are able to monitor?
- What is success for the frogbit project? Define criteria, how to measure it, then monitor.
- Are there places where it hasn't been harvested or causing problems?

The commission did not have a quorum so no decisions were made on moving forward with answering these questions.