

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Minutes

Tuesday April 26, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm Charlotte Library

Charlotte Land Trust Pease/Philo initiative

Kate Lampton and Laura Crandall, both with the Charlotte Land Trust, came to discuss their interest in conserving lands within the Pease-Philo Corridor. They would like the Conservation Commission to review conservation values of individual parcels within the corridor. They would like info by summer.

action: Gary (and Howard?) to work with land trust on this initiative

Pringle Wetlands Proposal (Mariana/Bob)

Bob, through a powerpoint presentation, made the case for undertaking a functional evaluation for the wetland. The commission members were generally supportive, yet were concerned that the focus was too narrow - we should be considering wetland health and function on a town-wide basis. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that we could pursue both objectives; town wide assessment and detailed look at Pringle Brook

Holly made the following motion, seconded by Howard, and unanimously supported by the commission.

Motion - CCC will look at the function of wetlands in Charlotte. We will hire a consultant to help us develop an understanding of the condition of town wetlands, including significant functions, and threats. To begin, we will evaluate the Pringle Brook wetland.

Town Plan Udate

Conservation Commission members will attend Thursday's session, prepared to promote the Habitat map, listen for hot-button issues, and think in terms of our formal input to the town plan update process. We will review 'cliff notes' and outline our input during the May meeting.

**Town of Charlotte, 159 Ferry Road, P.O. Box 119, Charlotte, Vermont
05445**

Subdivision Application Review

Upper Old Town Trail - in deliberations

Shays (Spear Street) - Trafton attended site visit. Though aquatic habitat exists along the east property line, the proposed development does not impact it. We will not follow it further.

Trails Commission Update

Holly reported that an energized Trails Commission is focused on fund- raising for the construction of the town rec path...YOU GO TRAILS!

On-going Business

Support of LCA initiatives - The Commission received a request to support two initiatives; commission members expressed interest in volunteering for work days, but not serving in any organizational capacity.

Park Sign Update - deferred

Wild Life Articles - deferred

Conservation Connections Report - deferred

Review Minutes

January, March review deferred. Members agreed to review minutes electronically

Nature Notes

- Bob reported Osprey nests on Lake Road
- Holly has been watching mink, bobcat, osprey, and woodducks from her Converse Bay vantage point, and wood frogs in a vernal pool at Bristol Cliffs **Holly summer meeting**
- Trafton has nesting bluebirds
- Suzy is lamenting woodpecker activity in favorite tree
- Gary described an osprey adjusting fish in flight to improve aerodynamics
- Howard observedf tom turkeys getting the cold shoulder from hens