

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 25, 2013 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall

prepared by Robert Hyams

In Attendance: Roel Boumans, Mariana DuBrul, Joanna Cummings, Robert Hyams, Gary Pitman, Holly Sullivan, Fritz Tegatz

Visiting: Liam Murphy

Nature Notes: dedicated to flash flood observations, many stories abound

Conservation Currents: Gary has submitted for July, Howard is scheduled for August (Aug 8), and Roel for September (Sept 5).

Review Minutes

June 4 minutes not finalized, review deferred

Planning Commission Update

deferred until next meeting

Town Farm Bay Wetlands Class 1 update: Liam Murphy indicated that he will be representing two landowners, Katherine Arthaud (parcel 08-34-3, 60.9 acres) and Sharman Altshuler (parcel 08-43-0, 126.3 acres).

action: Add Liam to LO list for future communications

TFB Stewardship (aka frogbit): Our scheduled week for frogbit work is July 21-27. Most members are available on Sunday July 21. To that effect, we will schedule 3 sessions for Sunday. Below are the sessions as scheduled, and the indicated availability/commitments:

Sunday July 21 7:45-11:00 am: Bob, Roel (bringing ?), JoAnna, Fritz (bringing 1)

Sunday July 21 11:15 - 3:30: Bob, Mariana (bringing 2)

Sunday July 21 4:00 - 7:15: Bob, Holly (bringing 1), Howard (bringing?)

Tuesday July 23 late afternoon: Bob, Holly

Saturday July 27 8:00-11:30: Bob, John Owen (bringing 1)

As it stands, we are showing 17 of the required 24 time slots filled

Funding: We have funds budgeted for a coordinator, which we are not using. The commission agreed to consider using funds for refreshments that will offer a nice perk for volunteers and could aid recruiting. This could include actual food, or be as simple as providing cold beverages.

action: CCC members to recruit for remaining 7 time slots (maximum 8/session, unless volunteers want to paddle over from Point Bay Marina.)

action: Bob to talk to OBS about coffee/muffins, Fritz to talk to LGM about box lunches

Town Plan Update: Bob reports that we will be presenting updated Natural Resource section to the Planning Commission on July 18. This update will include both the Executive Summary and Policies & Strategies, and will incorporate Jim Donovan's comments. In addition, we should be prepared to discuss town plan maps. The data underlying the maps is well-understood. The areas that need to be explored/discussed are as follows:

1. What maps need to be incorporated into the printed plan
2. How to best combine the data layers to present in the printed plan
3. Determine whether the data layers can be presented electronically in support of the town plan.

action: Mariana will circulate the results of earlier work with Marty Illick in addressing question 1

action: Bob will draft a memo to Sharon Murray, the PC's town plan consultant, prior to the July 18 meeting for guidance regarding maps

action: Bob will complete the update of the NR section and circulate prior to July 18 meeting

action: CCC members will read NR sections and consider attending July 18 meeting.

WatershED update

We briefly discussed the WatershED cafe program. We will discuss at much greater detail in future meeting

CCC Succession/Reassignment

Bob indicated his desire to step back from Chair position, but stay on Commission. Roel and Joanna indicated their interest to fill the position as co-chairs, and Mariana indicated her willingness to serve as secretary. We discussed the need to appoint a treasurer, and decided that we will take up the issue as the need emerges.

action: Bob, Roel, and Joanna to discuss the transition and propose to the commission **a)** a delineation of responsibilities under a co-chair format, and **b)** a transition date.