

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Howard Verman*

Preliminary Meeting Notes

Tuesday Nov 13, 2012 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall

Members Present: Gary, Holly, Fritz, Joanna, Bob, and Mariana (by phone)

Guest: Roel Boumans

Minutes Review

deferred

Conservation Currents

Howard is scheduled for December. We will schedule January and beyond at next meeting

Town Plan Update

We began review of the rewrites of the Natural Resources sections of the 2008 town plan. This text will serve as the justification for policies and strategies that we propose in the 2014 plan.

The proposed rewrites are posted on the CCC google drive site. Comments and agreed actions for each section are posted below.

Wetlands (Mariana)

1. incorporate state definition
2. data: sources, metadata
3. change critical WLH reference
4. add other significant town wetlands

Groundwater (Gary)

1. Add intro paragraph to include % households, finite resource, realism regarding threats from contamination

Conservation District (Fritz)

1. Get rid of convention in town plan, and subsequently, land use regs
2. Demonstrate that all features on the Current Land Use Map (2008) that are identified as components of the conservation district are covered by other regulations
3. Remind PC that Thompson's Point is in need of a management plan [what's the odd polygon north of Wing's Point?]

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Special Features (Fritz)

1. Remove from natural resources section, as it consists of hodge-podge of features and resources. If the PC would like to keep it, lets them deal with it.

Forests (Holly)

1. Does list of productive forests have a place? Probably not. This may be a good opportunity to contact county forester.

Climate Change (Holly)

1. Does PC want to consider climate change in a context larger than natural resources?

Review of Wildlife Habitat, Surface Waters, Soils, Topography, and Biological Diversity sections for next meeting

T/K Wetlands

Mariana reported that Alan Quakenbush would like to schedule landowner meetings and a site visit. Mariana will contact Alan about a date for a site visit. We will use this opportunity to contact landowners to announce the site visit and gauge interest in a meeting. We can issue a press release (with link to article) about a public meeting.

WatershED Program

Reviewed project matrix. We are in need of one individual to join the planning team.

Nature Notes

Barred owl has moved in, pileated woodpecker at feeder, walking stick resting on beehives