

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2015

In attendance: Holly Sullivan, Derk Bergquist, Melrose Huff, Amos Baehr, Meg Berlin,

Guests: Annie Geratowski

DECISIONS

I. Update on David M. Brown Wildlife Conservation Award

- Commission moved in April to give award to Robert Hyams
- Also, recognition of Linda Radimer has been suggested.
- 2 volunteers are needed to organize an event to present award(s)
- Linda was in charge of MASH which led to development of online database; 10+ years of service to Conservation Commission and additional service to Planning Commission; Started Champlain Valley Conservation Alliance;
- Holly feels we should do something special for Bob and have a separate event for Linda.
- Mel moved we present the award to Bob Hyams at Town Party and begin planning a second event to present award to Linda Radimer.
- Amos made a motion to give Bob David M. Brown Wildlife Conservation Award at a gathering organized by Holly and Meg at a time and place to be determined. Meg seconded. The CCC voted unanimously to approve.
- Amos made a motion to present Linda Radimer the David M. Brown Wildlife Conservation Award in the fall organized by someone to be announced at a time and place to be determined. Meg seconded. The CCC voted unanimously to approve.

II. CCC Retreat

- Purpose is to orient new members
- Powers and Duties of the CCC
- Process of Planning and Implementation
- Who are you and what do you want
- Time would be this summer if possible (tentative July 14) one evening (7:00-9:30)
- The date and time would need to be planned
- Meg asked if there were any new members other than her. A number of folks are interested, but none have been appointed yet.
- Holly feels it is a good idea to have a retreat, but asked whether we should wait until we have a fully functional Commission. Mel thinks it will be full; the Selectboard just needs to find an opportunity to put appointments on their agenda.
- Derk made a motion to set up a doodle calendar to identify dates and times that current and potential commissioners of the CCC could meet for a retreat. Meg seconded. Holly asked if we could move it to September. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. Frogbit Volunteers

- Commission members often volunteer to assist

II. Introduced Meg Berlin as newest member of Commission

III. Request for member to represent the CCC on Charlotte Park and Wildlife Oversight Committee

--Amos is interested

IV. Sue Morse's slideshow and talk on "Wildlife Habitat in the Champlain Valley"

--Holly wrote a press release about this for Charlotte News.

V. Charlotte Community Clean-Up Fund

--CSWD provides funds to clean up a site.

--Town of Charlotte has \$2000

Additional Business

--Holly asked whether we have any money to buy drinks, etc. for Bob's award presentation. These may be available.

Next Meeting Agenda Points:

--Nominate Amos to represent the CCC on Charlotte Park and Wildlife Oversight Committee

Meeting adjourned