

**Charlotte Conservation Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2019**  
**Charlotte Town Offices**  
**7:00pm**

**Members in attendance:**

**Amos Baehr, Krista Hoffsis, Linda Radimer, Roel Boumans, Kevin Burget,  
Mary Van Vleck, Derk Bergquist and Susan Blood.**

1. Edward LeClair Ten Stones: discussion of removal of invasive in No Cut zone per Planning Commission delineation.

Presentation by Ed LeClair:

- 10-12 years ago TS learned we have a clay plain forest on our land and have been trying to learn how to take care of it so it thrives.
- Ten Stones has 2 no cut zones that are of interest - one is old pastureland that now has many young Ash trees and a few other desirable species of trees. The other has buckthorn and honeysuckle along the edge. This no cut zone was originally intended to be a visual barrier to block the view of houses from Greenbush. In the no cut zone with the young Ash trees, Ten Stones would like to “release” desirable trees by cutting the Ash trees around them in a 25’ diameter circle.
- Ten Stones has an application in with Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help remove invasives and so some of the work will be done by professionals (75%).
- Will Ten Stones replant after the invasives along the edge have been removed? Yes - planning to plant as much as possible. Dogwood? Ten Stones knows it is important to replant so the invasives don’t come back.
- Is there a possibility of having an Ash tree that’s resistant to the emerald Ash borer? Here are 2 resources that might be helpful. [A](#) [B](#)

A motion was made to write a letter that we support the management plan for Ten Stones which means removing invasives like buckthorn and honeysuckle and also some young ash trees to release more desirable non-Ash tree species. Seconded and approved.

2. Bob Hyams : discussion about invasive species.
  - First, Bob has a lot of CCC materials at his house! He thinks it would be good to go through. 2 small file cabinets worth.

Town of Hinesburg agreed to fund a Natural Resources Map for Hinesburg - they have \$8,000 to do this. Conversation about what is good about our map, what could be better..

Comment from Roel - we use the significant habitat map when we review new building in Charlotte. We can look at how the land is changing by using data from different years. It's changing - some corridors are being broken up and some are getting a little better. New data comes out every 5 years from USGS with polygons.

Our map was made the way it was to show corridors and areas of High Public Value.

Does Hinesburg have a different process than we do - people are required to put some of their land aside for ????. The CC in Hinesburg does not participate in development review, but perhaps they could in the future.

So perhaps make an inventory map and then let folks give feedback on what's important to them. Roel talked about land cover vs land use. Linda mentioned taking our aquifers and recharge into account.

Bob is interested in collaborating with us.

### 3. Krista and Roel: Corridor & camera updates

Proposed sign locations - Rt 7 and Church Hill Rd., Spear Street from town line, and the turtle crossing at the south end of Greenbush.

Linda will call Junior Lewis. We'll need to call the selectboard and get approval as well.

Linda ordered 2 new cameras and 2 new memory cards.

How long should we leave the cameras out? Roel learned recently that deer move differently in summer than in winter. We should put cameras where we think corridors are and where we think they're not. Also, remember that corridors are species specific!

Now that we have pictures - what should our protocol be for analyzing these pictures? Derk will work on a protocol to analyze game cam photos.

We have site characteristics - where is it, which direction is it pointing the temperature. Then we need to analyze the pictures. Also Kevin suggested having our pictures on the cloud. Let's do that!

### 4. Review of Commission long and short term goals

We did not get to this. Next time!

5. Other

Conservation Currents - Mary will write on Monarch Butterflies.

**9:00 Adjourn**

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Meeting minutes by Susan Blood