

**Charlotte Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019
Charlotte Town Offices
7:00pm**

**Members in attendance:
Krista Hoffsis, Linda Radimer, Kevin Burget,
Mary Van Vleck, and Susan Blood.**

Charlotte Conservation Commission Agenda: April 23, 2019

1. Review Minutes for February and March

Mary moved we accept minutes for February and March. Motion seconded and approved.

2. Conservation Current Articles

Mary wrote a lovely article about Monarch Butterflies.

Kevin - 50 years ago exactly that plans for a Nuclear Plant in Charlotte were shelved. Lori Fischer, head of Lake Champlain Committee, has some info about this. So this article is going forward. Stay tuned!

Susan will edit Roel's article. Mary will send it to her.

Krista will write something for June.

Mary will send out a list of ideas such as shagbark hickory and bats!

Sign update!

We need to borrow a truck to pick up the posts (6 or 8) in Essex.

Give signs to Jr. - but Linda will find out where he wants them. And then he'll let us know how to proceed with the Selectboard.

3. Language for the letter to the Planning Commission regarding No Cut zones and invasives -

Because the Planning Commission delineates no cut zones in the process of evaluating development projects, the Charlotte Conservation Commission suggests that the removal of non-native invasives such as buckthorn and honeysuckle be allowed in no cut zones provided that the area is replanted to encourage the regeneration of native species.

We will run this by Roel for feedback.

4. Protocol for Trail Camera uploading and storage of data

List from Derk - we need:

1. Protocols for deployment
2. Raw Data Storage
3. Summary Data Processing
4. Quality Assurance/Quality Control
5. Summary Data Storage

You get unusable data if you don't have a clear hypothesis. We can a) field test out corridors and b) we can evaluate areas with the idea of specific future development.

5. Planning Commission Meetings

We have to be at these meetings - or at least check out the agendas. We looked over the upcoming Planning Commission projects. There are no agendas out yet but there are meetings on May 2nd and 16th.

6. Proposed Trail Committee trails

They have applied for a grant for the State Park Rd section of the road. They want to use our cameras to see how many people use the trails! It seems like using them to count people might be challenging.

8. Other

Putting photos on online site. - SmugMug might be a possibility at \$5/month. We could make some photos public and some private. This would allow people could work on things at home.

We have 2 more months in this fiscal year - reminder from Mary.

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Meeting minutes by Susan Blood