

Charlotte Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019
Charlotte Town Offices
7:00pm

Members in attendance:

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

7:00 - Adjustments to agenda and public comment

Amos asked to step down from his position as chair of the CCC. Linda Radimer volunteered to step in as Chair and a motion was made for Linda Radimer to become our Chair of the CCC for the remainder of this term and the next - approximately 14 months.

The November minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. That motion was seconded and passed! (Please note there was no December meeting.)

7:15 Discuss Budget -

There is a discretionary fund that we have that has some \$ in it. It would be good for the Land Trust and the CCC to meet and figure out what to do with this money.

Linda will call Frank Tenney and ask if we can request funds when we need them for specific projects rather than making a yearly budget.

If we had a plan about where the wildlife signs will go then we can go to the town and ask for funding for the posts. When are the next Selectboard Budget meetings?

What do we have left to spend this year? We have about \$400 for signs and wildlife corridor marking. Where should be put those signs? Roel will do a first pass. And then the Habitat / Corridor Group will meet at 7pm at Roel's house on January 29th! We can look at his computer with the maps.

We reviewed our sign supply:

6 critter crossing signs

6 deer crossing signs

2 turtle signs

2 little duck signs

Once we choose the locations we can meet with the Selectboard and arrange to do a few site visits.

Also, somewhat related to our budget, our CCC computer is now at the Library. Derk and Amos will figure out how we can make it easy for town members to load cards from their game cameras onto our computer. Anytime images are downloaded, they will need to be reviewed and many will need to be deleted. We will work on a process for this.

7:45 Open Space Letter for Ten Stones -

Linda noted that the road commissioner agreed with her that it would not be good to cut healthy ash trees on the right of way as suggested by the tree warden. They feel it would be best to only cut effected trees. There is a hope that if we don't cut all the ash trees then a resistant one might be found.

Kevin will ask Ed LeClair about coming to a CCC meeting and Susan will also send the CCC members the relevant part of the Foresters plan. Amos' only concern was to set a time frame of a few years of what can be cut and then review the situation.

8:00 Trail Cam

Susan and Mary will go get the game cams that are out on Clark Hinsdale's land in the east village.

Maybe we should move them to where the new Health Center is planned - would be good to keep a corridor through there.

8:30 Conservation Currents

We can write about the game cams in Conservation Currents. Kevin will work on one! Roel too. Also probably good to swing back to iNaturalist again - it's been awhile.

8:45 Motion made to Adjourn - seconded and approved!

Meetings coming up:

Town Link Trail State Park Road Layout Public Work Session #3

*Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM
to Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM*

Trails Committee Meeting *Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM to Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 8:00 PM.*