

Charlotte Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2018
Charlotte Town Offices
7:00 PM

Members in attendance: Amos Baehr, Roel Boumans, Derk Bergquist, Linda Radimer, Erika MacPherson, Krista Hoffsis and Susan Blood.

7:00 - Adjustments to agenda and public comment

Amos reported on the Planning Commission meeting regarding the Ballek subdivision, the proposed horse farm across from Mt. Philo State Park.

7:10 - Approve March and early April Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes. Seconded and approved.

7:15 - Discuss Planning Commission

Certified letter regarding Krasnow subdivision - Do we want to respond to this with another letter? Amos will ask the PC if they want another letter from us. If so the letter will need to be sent to all the interested parties. Does the PC have a list of these addresses so we could print out labels?

It was moved and seconded that we ask the PC whether we need to register as a witness in order support the decision making process involving the Krasnow property or if the letter we submitted previously sufficient. Approved.

Strategy for meeting on May 17 (Thursday) - This is the date for the next meeting regarding the Ballek subdivision. We would like to confer with the Charlotte Land Trust about this. Erika has talked to them and they are willing to have 2 members come to our June meeting. The idea is to show them our conceptual model and see how we can work together. Also good for them to know our priorities as they make decisions going forward. Perhaps before we meet with them we need to figure out where the wildlife corridors really are so we can focus our efforts.

Planning for the PC meeting - perhaps we could contact some landowners who live along the Kimball Brook towards the lake to come to the PC meeting on the 17th.

One issue to bring up again is that the storm water drainage ponds - they need to be maintained!

We will write a letter to the property owners who are downstream on the Kimball Brook or along the adjacent wildlife corridors about the potential impact of this development and if they have any concerns let them know that this is their opportunity to write a letter to the PC or attend the hearing on May 17th. Motion made. Seconded and approved.

We need to:

- Get the addresses from the Charlotte Land Trust. (Krista)
- Write and copy the letter. (Amos)

Amos will email the letter he and Derk wrote to the Charlotte Land Trust and to members of the CCC. Also, we are aiming to have a representative from the Charlotte Land Trust join us for our June meeting (6/26)

Snow property and other sketch plans - They want to create clustered housing near Route 7. There is another 3 lot subdivision on Carpenter Road which we'll keep an eye on as well.

7:45 - Report on meeting with Park and wildlife oversight committee
management plans for town property; Burns, Thompson Point
Reviewing open space agreements

Marty Illick asked if we could meet and talk about Open Space Plans. Also, all conserved land is supposed to have a management plan.

8:40 - Connectivity working group

Discuss action plans for conservation model 1) identifying areas of high and low density development 2) strategy for sharing our model with the Charlotte Land Trust and the Planning Commission.

Let's use the town linkage map and mark it up! Is that map up to date enough or does it need to be updated?

Last meeting we worked on the conceptual model. So now we want to identify areas of low and high residential density so we can recommend to the Land Trust and the PC where to increase housing and where to conserve land as much as possible.

Linda talked to the land trust about transferring development rights and they're not really interested in that. Neither is the town. Perhaps this is something we could write about for Conservation Currents and generate interest.

The Connectivity Working Group will meet on Tuesday May 8th. We will try to reserve the other room at town hall.

Derk is emailing everyone a link to a sheet. Here it is as well:

<http://vpic.info/Publications/Reports/Implementation/TransferDevelopmentRights.pdf>

The VPIC website looks like a good resource!

9:00 Motion made to adjourn! Seconded and approved.

Minutes submitted by Susan Blood.