

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 12 2017

In attendance: Amos Baehr, Roel Boumans, Linda Radimer, Susan Blood, Derk Bergquist, Meg Berlin, Erika MacPherson

Guests:

DECISIONS

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. Town trail

- Reviewed some concerns regarding trail
- Agenda for 9/26 meeting with Trails Committee

What do we start with?

- Mission of Conservation Commission—there are potential environmental impacts of building trails—we need to be involved to ensure conflicts do not arise
- In our long-range plan, we have a number of goals where we overlap with the goals of the Trails Committee

Main points of meeting:

- Protocol for CCC input re: environmental impacts
- Create design principles for trails (for example, habitat-specific restrictions on use/design)
- Develop outreach program regarding use of trails

What do we want to get out of this?

- Collaboration
- Trails that are consistent with conservation needs including increasing/improving core habitat in the Town
- Trails Committee is a developer and we have the same concerns with trail building as we would with any other development project
- What is their development process and when within that process would it be most beneficial for us to be involved to prevent delays and improve the experience for trail users.

II. Budget

- If we have line items, we are expected to spend money on those lines
- Amos suggests that what we take to Selectboard are more general categories in case our needs change during the year.
- Will consolidate needs from working groups at next meeting

8:25 Adjourn