

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 23, 2016

In attendance: Amos Baehr, Roel Boumans, Derk Bergquist, Meg Berlin, Linda Radimer, Mel Huff

Guests: Mike Kirk

DECISIONS

I. Minutes Approval

The January meeting minutes were approved as drafted.

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. Introduction of Mike Kirk, a prospective new member for the CCC to replace Mel Huff when she leaves.

II. Review of documents from planning workshop

--Jens reviewed our ideas from the planning workshop and organized them into various programs with associated projects.

--The CCC members reviewed Jens' notes and discussed a number of items.

--Management planning for town lands. Commission may want to limit involvement as this could be a large concern. A number of ideas for integrating town lands into community needs were presented.

--Members have two weeks to comment on programs and projects on list provided by Jens.

III. Education/Outreach group

--Town meeting: Meg has designed a tri-fold display promoting iNaturalist for the Town. Scheduled members to man table.

IV. Review and discuss Charlotte Invasives Collaborative (CHIC) mission statement

--CHIC current focus on Phragmites and frogbit in a couple of specific locations.

--Town may fund it through Conservation Commission. If that means CCC would be held accountable then ensuring we have some oversight is important.

V. Town planning concerns (passed on from Jeannine)

--Ag enterprise legislation

--legislation includes a broad section regarding "accessory uses" on agricultural land. Not clear what limits of those "accessory uses" would be.

--Solar siting

--Outcome of Bennington challenge of a solar farm suggests that more specific language about a Town's natural resources may be needed in Town Plan

Meeting adjourned