

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 26, 2016

In Attendance: Amos Baehr, Roel Boumans, Meg Berlin, Susan Blood, Michael Kirk Linda Radimer, Mary Van Vleck

Guests: Bob Hyams, Mel Huff, Jeanine Mccrumb

DECISIONS

I. Minutes Approval

The March meeting minutes were approved as drafted

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. CHIC – Bob Hyams – Phragmites Control in Charlotte

--Bob discussed current state of phragmites control in Charlotte. Early detection, rapid response control. They have treated 11 of 14 identified sites, with 3 new sites added since first identification.

-- CCC members brought up questions on current control methods. Currently using 2% glyphosate foliar application. It was mentioned that phragmites is a formidable enemy and as of now that is what CHIC uses.

-- CCC members discussed the potential to add ordinances to monitor disturbances of phragmites to help control spread (i.e., monitor ditching, creating awareness) or using iNaturalist to create surveillance of the plant?

-- In conjunction with CHIC, the CCC will sign on to a memo to VTrans regarding phragmites

-- CHIC would like members of CCC to pick a week in July to work on their Frogbit Project

II. Jeanine Mccrumb

--Discussed insights into the new planning staff in the town and how CCC can best plug into the planning process in town

--Best way for CCC to get involved with town planning is through Daryl Benoit – the town planner who works with Planning and Zoning Commission

--Discussed continued CCC outreach through newspaper or Front Porch Forum

--CCC should stay tuned into town calendar

III. Facebook Page

--Brief discussion and presentation of CCC's new Facebook Page by Meg Berlin

IV. Seguin Bridge Update

--Discussion postponed to May meeting

V. Long Range Planning Spreadsheets

-- When filling out spread sheets focus on areas you have interest and knowledge in

--There are three pages on planning spreadsheet

--1st tab – Review (already completed)

--2nd tab – Assessment (in progress): assessment based on resources (i.e. time, energy, money etc...)

--3rd tab – Prioritization: High, Medium, Low

-- CALL Amos with questions

VI. CCC Funds

-- CCC has funds available that expire end of June.

--Discussed rain garden at the library as a potential use of funds and project

VII. Hinesburg Road Habitat Crossing

--Linda Radimer is going to look into potential funding to study the swale on Hinesburg Road as a habitat crossing