

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 28, 2016

In Attendance: Amos Baehr, Mel Huff, Susan Blood, Michael Kirk, Mary Van Vleck, Derk Bergquist

Guests: None

DECISIONS

I. Minutes Approval

--Meeting minutes approval was deferred to July

II. Needed Supplies

--Members discussed whether time is getting too short to purchase some needed supplies.

--In particular, the Commission would like to invest in two Extractigators, which are useful in removing invasives trees and shrubs. These would be made available for check-out to citizens through the Town Library. Cost would be \$145/device.

--Derk made a motion to purchase two Extractigators at ~\$145/each. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. Water Matters II

--Some discussion of whether CCC should comment on Act 64, but the deadline for commenting on Required Agricultural Practices is July 7. We feel we should comment, but it would require significant time.

--Mike is writing a comment from a sheep farming perspective, but not from a conservation perspective.

II. Miscellaneous items

--Frogbit scheduling: week of July 11 - 17th is available for CCC to choose a time. Tentatively scheduling for Saturday 16th at 9:00am.

--Sundays in July and August, the Charlotte Museum will be open and they would like CCC to come. Amos will set up a Doodle poll to determine best day for visit.

--Cemetery Commission is interested in doing a green cemetery, perhaps on Town land. CCC agreed we would like to invite them Cemetery Committee in July or August.

--Creating a Culture of Clean Water: Amos is working on a workshop activity that can increase appreciation and awareness of the importance of water.

--Regulations regarding value-added ag (like having a store on farm premises) are changing. Mike is going to look into it so that the CCC understands the issues associated with potential changes.

--Town Party (Beach Party and potluck) on July 16th. It is unclear whether there will be any tabling this year. Because this overlaps with the frogbit activities, Amos had an idea to perhaps lead nature walks in the area during party.

III. Long Range Planning

--Amos updated the Commission on the long range planning process.

--Jens is working with some of the materials generated by the recent special meeting.

IV. Town Plan

--Current draft is being edited. Next sections to be reviewed and edited may be of interest to CCC members

--Next meeting is Thursday June 30 at 6:30.

Meeting Adjourned