

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Trafton Crandall, Mariana Du Brul, Suzy Hodgson,
Robert Hyams, Robert Mack, Gary Pittman, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman*

**May 25, 2010 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall
Minutes**

IN ATTENDANCE

Trafton Crandall, Mariana DuBrul, Robert Hyams, Gary Pittman, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman

APPOINT RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING

Bob will take minutes

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES (March)

deferred until next meeting

ROTATING MEETING CHAIR

Trafton will chair this meeting

ONGOING BUSINESS

Trails update

No update this meeting

PC Activity Review (Trafton, Bob, Gary)

Upper old town - resubmitted plan, apparently, no decision rendered by environmental court. Big issues seems to be widening of road; fire, traffic safety, run-off issues abound. Sue Morse has made house siting recommendations based on habitat. Adjacent land owner on Higbee expressed interest in a neighborhood conservation effort.

Murphy - Has not submitted application yet. However, ConsCom may want to address the use of the draft site review protocol. The Planning Commission requested the applicant to use the protocol in the application.

Old Lantern - Of little habitat interest, but high in neighbor issues and town visibility.

habitat map update and download session

What else is there to say? The map(and user's guide) will be done and available by Town Party. Once technical issues are resolved, ConsCom members will receive data and vet system and user's guide.

action - Trafton and Bob to continue efforts

**Town of Charlotte, 159 Ferry Road, P.O. Box 119, Charlotte, Vermont
05445**

JAM golf meeting report (Howard)

In attendance were town, regional planners, attorneys. The Charlotte contingent included Dean Bloch, Ellie Russell, Charles Russell, Peter Joselyn, Liam Murphy, and Howard.

action - Howard to provide a written summary

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss proposed watershed initiative

Deferred until next meeting

Mt Philo Initiative

Bob spoke with VT parks dept regarding the dog poop situation on Mt Philo during the off-season. The parks dept is willing to leave their receptacle in place if we would like to keep it supplied with bags and empty as needed. Bob proposed that the CCC buys bags for a season (\$216 est cost) and keeps can emptied. All members voted to support proposal.

action - Bob to order bags

Town Party plan

Its all about the map. We will need to make a plan at next meeting.

Discussion with Patrick O'Brien, re Col. Williams Way Application

Carl Moulton wants to sell, Patrick wants an approved building envelop to make it more marketable. Mariana and Howard will follow application; site visit scheduled for June 3.

ConsCom protocol for developer discussions

As a result of the increasing frequency of requests by developers to speak with the Conservation Commission, there is consensus that we should establish a protocol for hosting such visits. The following points were discussed:

- developers should be given a time limit for their presentation
- we may ask questions, and may offer broad guidelines regarding natural resources at question
- these and other points will be drafted in a standard letter to send to developers requesting time.

action - Bob or Trafton to draft letter

NATURE NOTES

103 bird species in Costa Rica including the resplendit Quetzal (VPR tour), cougar sighting in WA, Baby merganzers, ring billed gull with lure, suet fight, ospreys displaying animated rituals, tick on Pease Mt

Susan Horsford	1033 Converse Bay Rd	amending final application with 2nd curb cut	Trafton Crandall	2 lot subdivision, lake shore.
Lynn Mansfield	768 Mt Philo Road	approved	Gary Pittman	
Old Town Trail Associates/Don Welch		1st application denied, second application pending	Gary Pittman	
Spears	SW corner of Lake and Ferry	Final submitted, pending decision	Bob Hyams Suzy Hogson	Existing home, Division of 124 acres into 2 lots
Glascoe	Whalley Rd	withdrawn	Trafton Crandall	
Jordan	Spear Street	Preliminary approval with conditions	Gary Pittman	5 lot Affordable Housing subdivision on La Platte
Keenan	North Pasture Lane	Final decision rendered, revised decision pending	Gary Pittman	2 lot subdivision
Sharrow	Mt Philo Rd	minor subdivision, approved	Gary Pitman	2 lot subdivision
Burns	Greenbush	pending final decision	Bob Hyams	5 lot (major) subdivision pending final decision
Snyder		pending final approval		3 lot subdivision
Zweber	Spear Street	final hearing		Minor subdivision; existing home, adding 1 bldg lot
Old Lantern			Gary Pittman	8 bdrm inn
Moulton	Col. Williams Way		Mariana DuBrul, Howard Verman	bldg envelope for single family dwelling