

# CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*Mariana Du Brul, Robert Hyams, Gary Pittman, Holly Sullivan, Fritz Tegatz, Howard Verman*

## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday May 29, 2012 7:00-9:00 pm Charlotte Town Hall

**In Attendance:** Bob, Gary, Holly, Fritz, Howard, and John Owen, select board liaison

### **Review Minutes**

April minutes review deferred until next meeting. We discussed process for reviewing minutes and agreed on the following process: Commission to review within 48 hrs of receipt, Bob to resend with next meeting notice/agenda.

### **Ongoing Business**

Town Farm Bay Protection - discussed status of outreach to adjacent landowners. Most landowners are absentee and may only be reached by mail. Holly to draft letter.

Town Signs - Howard reported that the sign competition is on! It has been announced in papers, open to all. Town residents will be able to vote for favorites, with SB retaining final say. Discussed ways to minimize costs, decided that Junior Lewis should be asked if he would help install.

### **New Business**

Town Plan Update - Bob to discussed status of update and his role in the rewrite of natural resources section. Planning Commission will have a working meeting thursday, after which Bob will present status report, and will solicit CCC input to the process and write up.

Bloom follow-up - we were in agreement that the Bloom Series presents a valuable perspective on the impacts that our land-based decisions and practices impart on the lake. The more Charlotters that watch it, the greater the opportunity for meaningful discourse regarding our town's response to the state of the lake. We will considered strategies for getting more folks to watch.

Thompson's Point public access - Holly reported on the Select Board's initiative to create public access points. They have decided to pursue two options; Whiskey Bay and Lane's Lane. Both seem like great opportunities. The Whiskey Bay site would take a little work to designate parking and abate current and future storm water runoff situation - it has also been the site of unauthorized (and unwelcomed) after-hours activity. Lane's Lane sounds like more of an administrative/enforcement effort for the SB. We encourage the SB to consider whether

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improving public access to the site and designating the terms of use could mitigate the after-hours issues.

**Nature Notes**

19 geese visit private pond, bluebird/swallow confrontations - swallows won, phoebes singing songs and shakin' tails. Speaking of tails, a large cat with a long one was sighted near Guinea Rd, and a human infant siting was reported near north Greenbush. American Bitterns continue to be active along Lake Road.