

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Notes

Tuesday August 23, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm Charlotte Town Hall

In Attendance; Trafton, Mariana, Bob, Gary, Holly, Howard

Review Minutes

- May; approved
- June; approved

Planning Commission update (Trafton)

- Moulton - Gary and Bob discussed the last hearing. They developers have proposed a challenging solution to steep slopes and access. They have also proposed conditions in an open space agreement that will enhance and maintain bat habitat. We have concerns regarding two points. First, we feel more, if not all of the forested habitat should be part of the open space agreement. Second, we are concerned about the ambitiousness of the open space agreement, particularly in light of the fact that the property will soon be changing hands. The final will be reopened to reconsider slope considerations only.
- Zweber - The applicant is proposing a house site in forested habitat, PC is awaiting submission of final application. Trafton to follow.
- Murphy - Preliminary hearing closed. Concerns exist regarding width of corridor, proposed cutting in wetland buffers, and functional impacts of wetlands. The Commission will provide written comment to the forthcoming PC letter.

Conservation Currents (Holly)

Trafton will cover September, Bob October. Holly to circulate new schedule.

Ongoing Business

- Pringle Wetlands Report - We finalized comments, Bob to send to Art Gilman.
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- Town Farm Bay update - Mariana was in charge of volunteer coordination for frogbit removal. This summer's work was productive, and the frogbit is under control. Mariana would like to continue joint efforts with LCA, including applying for class I designation for the wetland.

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- Town Party Results
 - survey results - see attachment
 - interest list - we will work on a newsletter next meeting
- Mt Philo; we will continue to supply bags, pet owners to carry out; 'nuff said.

New Business

- Invasive's workshop Sept 21
- VT Planners Sept 15

Commission agreed funds can be used for registration fees for either event.

Nature Notes

Wood frogs at Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge, two broods of turkeys enjoying the garden, bobcat with prey walking across yard off of Mt Philo Road, amazing rainbows, amazing brain-like bryozoan in Town Farm Bay.