

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 28, 2012 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall

In Attendance: Joanna, Mariana, Bob, Gary, Holly, Fritz, Howard

Minutes Review

July minutes reviewed and approved as submitted.

Membership

Joanna Cummings was confirmed by the Select Board to fill a seat on the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Currents

JoAnna added to schedule. Revisited submission process, authors to submit directly to Charlotte News, copying Holly

Planning Commission

Kiley - Fritz confirmed to represent CCC during subdivision review

Beldock - anticipated to come before the PC on Sept 6, Gary and Bob confirmed to represent CCC during subdivision review

Bob to make sure all members are on PC agenda distribution list

Town Plan

Discussed CCC input to the process. Decided that we would pursue a dedicated planning session to compile input. Bob to confirm time-line with Dean Bloch, Joanna will serve as point person for project.

Town Farm Bay Protection

Initial outreach piece mailed last month. We received responses from 2 of 8 landowners, Alexa Lewis and Town Line Rd LLC. We will resend letter to others. In addition, Bob will try to contact Katherine Arthaud, and Gary will try to contact Ben Dykema. Mariana will check with Alan Quakenbush at DEC to find out when they will be available to receive a Class I petition.

Holly and Mariana began researching easements on adjacent parcels. Turns out some parcels have significant development restrictions imposed by easements, which may moderate the restrictions on development imposed by Class I status.

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05445**

We will ensure that all CCC members have updated info package, including; map, landowner contact info, letter, and justification for seeking Class 1 status.

Town Signs

Town sign contest completed, winning design awarded. Nine signs are being produced. Nice job Howard.

Bloom Follow-up

Bob to discuss outreach strategy with JoAnna, including follow-up with teachers (including Waldorf), displays for library.

Nature Notes

Buck Mountain beaver pond home to interesting birds, including solitary sand piper. Scarlet Tannengers continue to chase wasps, multiple bat sightings, tree frogs. Rumors abound regarding the demise of the Charlotte bear.