

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Minutes

Tuesday September 27, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm Charlotte Library

In Attendance - Trafton, Bob, Gary, Holly, Howard

Review Minutes

- August - minutes approved

Planning Commission update

Murphy - decision issued on preliminary plan. During preliminary hearings, the Conservation Commission had expressed concerns regarding impacts on wetlands functions and constriction of the wildlife corridor. The Commission decided to respond to the preliminary findings; Gary to write response.

Voll Forest Management Plan - We will submit written comments, Bob and Mariana will handle.

Zweber; awaiting submittal of final application

Kiley; pre-application comments submitted, awaiting reply

Conservation Currents

9/29 - need a quick response: we will attempt a group collaboration entitled 'wildlife of summer 2011'.

10/27 Bob or Trafton?

Ongoing Business

Pringle Brook Wetland Revised Report (Bob/Mariana) Bob to circulate

Website review website, decided to begin by posting Conservation currents articles

membership - Suzy has expressed her desire to step down from her CCC position, Robert Mack has not been to a meeting since March 2011. Bob to update during Select board Briefing in October

New Business

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

CCC initiatives - we discussed the following initiatives. There was general support for each; there is need for further follow-up and definition. Holly and Mariana will pursue TFB/TB, we need a point person to follow up Landscaping and Grassland birds.

- Landscaping and Invasives
- Grassland bird habitat program describe, get latest from UVM
- TownFarm Bay/Thorp Brook (Holly/Mariana)
 - ongoing frogbit management; coordinator needed, funding needed
 - Thorp Brook Phosphorus loading, funding needed
 - Class I certification; what does it mean for the town, what does it mean for land-use practices?

Report to SB - Bob to draft, all to review

Nature Notes garter snake eating a toad, wonderful paddle in Thorp Brook Wetland, big healthy coyote crossed lake road, flocks of geese on the wing.