

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday September 28, 2010 7:00-9:00 pm Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Trafton Crandall, Mariana Du Brul, Robert Hyams, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES (August) - deferred until next meeting

ONGOING BUSINESS

• Meeting reports

- **Trails** - Holly reported that the Trails Commission is organizing into functional subcommittees.
- **POC** - Bob reported that the committee is soliciting proposals for farming the agricultural park lands. Also, park will be working with Mark LaBarr of Audubon to improve shrubland bird habitat. Work will be starting this fall.

PC Activity Review (Trafton)

- **State Park Road/Windever Farm proposed open space agreement** - Trafton has been following the application through the Planning Commissions' subdivision review. He will compile Conservation Commission comments and send them to the applicant. In addition, we discussed ways to include other values in the open space discussion, particularly grassland bird habitat and soil conservation/erosion control. We will pursue this with the Selectboard and Planning Commission.
- **Map Update and next steps**
 - Bob has worked with a Mac developer to create a downloadable version for the Mac. We will test it on a number of computers before putting it on the CCRP server. A number of CCC members are having difficulty with the PC version (will it ever end?) Bob will talk to Jesse.

NEW BUSINESS

- Environmental Action Conference - commissioners will look over material and decide if they would like to attend <http://www.vtenvironmentalaction.org>
- **PC meeting Sept 16** - The CCC confirmed that they would like to play a lead role in the Conservation Action Plan process. We agreed that the **Town Plan** is the starting point for a substantive discussion. To begin, each commissioner will read a specific section, then summarize and provide commentary. Mariana will provide the assigned sections to each member.
- **CCS/CVU interface, liaison [are we committed to a watershed project that we can shop to CCS teachers?, maybe a glb program with the Park Oversight Comm and CCS?]** - Deferred to next meeting

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- **Website revisited** - we reiterated the need to actively manage, discussed the idea of finding an intern to help (Champlain College, CVU, Waldorf) The main question remains; ***who on the commission will step up and take charge?***
- **Mt Philo bags** - Ed Stone rejected our purchase of doggy pickup bags for Mt Philo, claiming that it was inappropriate to use town funds for maintenance on state lands. We will discuss it during our SB meeting on October 25
- **350.org/transition town** - Charlotte Transition Town is looking to hold discussions with various group in Charlotte to discuss our towns role limiting carbon emissions. Though it is not a major objective of the CCC, we acknowledge its importance and would gladly support efforts to address this issue. We will make time for the discussion.

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NATURE NOTES

Great Egret, bobcat, baby snapping turtles