

CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday October 26, 2010 7:00-9:00 pm Old Brick Store

Minutes

In Attendance: Trafton Crandall, Mariana DuBrul, Robert Hyams, Robert Mack, Gary Pittman, Tiffany Shaw, Holly Sullivan, Howard Verman

ONGOING BUSINESS

- **Select Board Meeting report**

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Vermont Land Trust and Charlotte Land Trust re. Bean Farm Conservation Project.

Presenting: Al Karnatz (VLT), Francis Foster,(CLT), and Clark Hinsdale, applicant.

- the parcel is valued for agriculture resources and clayplain forest
- members of the CCC expressed concerns about appropriate buffers of riparian zones, Al described challenges. CCC members offered ideas for securing buffers, including a designated buffer zone that could be a separate line item in the financial calculations.
- discussed special treatment area of Clayplain Forest
- discussed implications of conserving large farms in light of the changing vermont agriculture
- CCC expressed concerns with learning of projects late in the game, particularly those requesting conservation fund \$. We believe we should have a voice in the planning phase, given our responsibilities in advising SB regarding Conservation Fund disbursements.
- Trafton motioned that the CCC support the project, Gary seconded, the commission voted unanimously in support of the motion
- Mariana will write a letter to the SB on behalf of the CCC in support of the project.

- **Town Plan Cliff (Bob) Note project**

Bob, Howard, Tiffany, Gary, and Mariana shared their summaries with the commission. We will exchange files by email. If we think this is a worthwhile project, we should pick one of the submitted write-ups to use as a template.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Environmental Action Conference, Nov 13**
 - **VT Planners Assoc Meeting, Friday Nov.5: Planning for 21st Century Farming in VT**
- Bob is planning to attend, this is a reimbursable expense

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