

# CHARLOTTE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday December 13, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm Charlotte Town Hall**

### Review Minutes

-Sept- Oct I- Oct II, Nov.

Minutes approved

### Ongoing Business

- **recruitment:** Fritz Tegatz has expressed interest and is in attendance tonight.

- **Conservation Currents:** Holly has developed schedule for the next year. She will send out. She also requested that commissioners send article ideas to her.

### - **Planning Commission**

- Murphy Wetland Application: Will be before PC 12/15 for final review. CCC will submit written comments, Gary will present. Nature of comments will reflect points/concerns previously made.
- Charlotte Solar Farm: Inquiry from the developer, wanting to know what concerns we have regarding habitat/natural resource. We will wait for VTF&W evaluation of deer habitat. If the woods stay intact, we do not have problems with the solar arrays shifted north, adjacent to the woods.

- **Proposed Solar Tracker installation at Thompson's Point Decision:** Reviewed our process in light of the SB decision not to pursue the proposal. We agreed that our review process was sound.

- **Town Farm Bay Wetlands:** Agreed that this would be the focus of our discretionary work.
- major components include; education, potential Class I application, define geographic extent of the wetland, assuming oversight for frogbit remediation.
  - Mariana and Tiffany will establish work plan
  - Funds are available in this fiscal year for professional assessment.

-In a related issue, we need to consider our commitment to the water sampling initiative; we have been asked to fund and take an oversight role.

- **Pringle Brook Revised Report** (Bob/Mariana)

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- **Town Signs:** Howard is in the process of soliciting competitive bids for the work. We agreed that we need at least 2 competitive bids, more would be preferred, as they may provide insight to preferred construction and materials methods.

#### New Business

-**Budget Submission for year beginning July 2012:** Oversight of TFB frogbit and water sampling will cost \$4K. We would like to have \$500 (min) available for technical support for TFB initiative. With other recurring commitments, our budget request comes in at \$4650, representing an increase from previous 2 years, but in-line with historic levels.

Bob to present on Monday, and to point out that we do not use budget unless justified.

**Nature Notes:** Red Poles, Blue Jays serving up 'hawk-like' calls, tracking deer in early winter snows.