

Charlotte Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
12/17/13

Kate Lampton, CLT. How can we work together?

Kate: 1) by town agreement, we collaborate with Cons Fund applications. Burl on Higbee Rd. is donating easement on about 20 acres. Hopes that this will be a catalyst for more preservation around Pease and in the Philo Pease corridor. It would be helpful for CCC to give feedback about what area/critical mass in the corridor would be good to protect—an informal “plan”.

Discussion of size thresholds, possible use of Cons Fund for green infrastructure (probably not the right use). What is the list of public good items that CLT conserves? Agricultural land (a characteristic Charlotte landscape), natural habitat

Budget: SB wanted to put \$1000 for invasives in our budget rather than in the Town Land Fund. We would rather not have it in there as it makes our budget increase by a lot. Marty and Sue have an invasives plan for the town. Idea is work in roads ROWs: demo projects, high profile, could get roads commissioner involved. Idea is to target phragmites. There will be members from several groups and some advisory from state, TNC, etc. Discussion about research to figure out best management methods. Any members from CCC to rep on invasives committee: Fritz, Joanna.

Minutes:

Joanna, proposed approval

Fritz, second

Site assessment: J is making a flow chart so we can understand our role in the site review. Posted on google docs site. Also we need to coordinate how we work with Pcomm. Also we have said we will make a brochure.

Charlotte News: Conservation Currents: Brett: M articles get input.

Nature Notes: shot coyote at the park, flock of small yellowish birds (snow buntings?), crows—large flocks (murder), six coyotes, rough-legged hawk, deer yard at Gary's.

Roel: to get shapefiles from Pam.