

**Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**Monday, April 16, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Charlotte Town Hall**

**Members present:** Jenny Cole, Jessie Bradley, Greg Smith, Sue Smith

**Others:** Amos Baehr, Conservation Commission Chairman

**Approval of minutes: March 19, 2018**

**Conservation Commission: Management of other Town lands**

The Conservation Commission has been given the charge of working on management plans for other Town lands, possibly starting with the Burns property. He was interested in the Park Management Plan, and the experience of the Park Committee in revising the plan. The group discussed ideas and options. One suggestion was a plan that covers management by land type, such as a plan for all woodlands. Town lands have different characteristics and uses. Amos stated that the Conservation Commission is interested in putting information in the Town's wildlife map and creating a network of connected wildlife corridors. The Commission is also interested in creating opportunities to support local agriculture and create job opportunities. Park Committee members' suggestions included not being too specific; establishing goals such as protecting water quality, wildlife and native plants; allowing only uses that protect the lands; and developing a plan for insect invaders. Several studies have been done for Town lands. Jenny will send what she has on file to Amos.

**Park Management Plan:**

**Woodlands**

**Successional Woodlands**

**Tree Pest Protocol**

**Wetlands, Ponds and Streams**

**Hedgerows**

Each part of the plan was discussed and final edits made. Andrew could not make it to the meeting, but he submitted his edits by e-mail and is fine with the recent drafts. The drafts were approved in separate motions. (Motions by Jessie for Woodlands and Greg for all others, seconded by Sue) Jessie sent final versions to Jenny so they can be sent to Dean for approval at future Selectboard meetings.

**Earth Day**

Project options for Earth Day include cleaning up the hedgerow where invasive plants were cleared last winter, pulling honeysuckle in Unit N (near switchback), burning brush piles and planting shrubs.

**Updates and future meetings**

Jessie reported on the Charlotte Land Trust scavenger hunt. There will be a shuttle from the Charlotte Central School.

Jessie purchased shrubs for planting near Larry Hamilton's benches.

The Get to Know Your Park Day event was discussed. Greg will check on the availability of horse-drawn wagons for the fall event.

The meeting ended around 7:00 p.m.