

Draft Minutes of Charlotte Conservation Commission for August 27, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the following Members: Roel Bouman, Krista Hoffsis, Mary Van Vleck, Melrose Huff and Linda Radimer

The withdrawal of water from Thorpe Brook by Robert Mack farm for irrigation of Hemp fields was discussed. The commission was alerted to the situation by Susan Smith. Amos Baer was asked to follow-up with VT Natural Resources office. Krista will follow up with situation on South Greenbush Road. Mel and Linda reported that two people were on property in pickup truck when they viewed fields earlier in the week.

Roel and Derk had not been able to arrange a meeting to fine tune wildlife data protocol collection form yet. It was decided to have Derk and Roel set cameras in a stacked set position and test the parameters of the cameras to collect accurate pictures.

Biofinders has data of specific species data for bats. Charlotte's bat areas are included.

Bats will be discussed in next Conservation Currents article in Charlotte News by Mary Van Vleck.

Roel and Krista will site cameras on trail area between Co-housing and F5.

Mat Krasnow will be contacted re: siting of crossing signs for Turtle crossing, and in general placement. Krista reported that there are four verified crossings awaiting signage.

Roel stated that the town, country and world are now in an "Alpha" moment, which means that our ecology and weather have been impacted so significantly that humans have created a disorganized state.

The meeting concluded at 8:55 PM

Submitted by temporary note taker Linda Radimer