

Charlotte Conservation Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2015

In attendance: Roel Boumans, Derk Bergquist, Amos Baehr, Meg Berlin, Linda Ratimer, Melrose Huff, Mary Van Vleck, Susan Blood

Guests:

DECISIONS

I. Minutes Approval

Minutes for the October meeting were approved without changes.

II. Budget

--A motion was made to request \$4000 for invasive species removal and strategic management, \$750 for data entry associated with mapping efforts, \$600 for education & outreach workshops and events, \$500 for the CCC website, \$300 for Green-up Day, and \$50 for VACC membership. The motion was seconded and passed.

DISCUSSION POINTS

I. Protocols for book keeping

- Amos would like the Commission to have a process in place for keeping books and paying reimbursements
- In addition to amounts, it was suggested we also record what the actions/services of those paid by CCC, materials needed to carry out action,
- Mary Van Vleck will track expenses, etc, but actual cutting of checks will be through Mary Mead.

II. Budget

- Some existing requests for funding: frogbit, CHIC, water quality
 - Roel suggested we make sure that data is provided to us from these projects and that any data gets placed into our mapping system.
 - Roel indicated that there has been discussion in the past of having an RFP process for which various groups could request funds to do projects.
 - Some hesitation among members regarding administering grants
 - Proposed to roll frogbit removal, CHIC and Lewis Creek Association water quality monitoring together for \$4000
- Discussion of funding needed for mapping, entry of existing data, and map ground-truthing
 - Mapping
 - Data entry – about one week needed for 12 reports for \$750
- Education/Outreach
 - 3 events built around invited speakers
 - Some discussion about the strengths/weaknesses of iNaturalist and its best value for us.
 - Meg has not been able to get many folks involved in iNaturalist. Linda suggested that reaching out to CCS may be a good way to get people using it.
 - Proposed to build in \$600 for education/outreach events/programs
- Web Development
 - Proposed \$500 to update CCC website
- Green-up Day

--Proposed \$300, same as previous year

Meeting adjourned.