

TCC meeting minutes 11/27/2017

Betsy, Aaron and Eileen Ahern

New member in attendance! Eileen Ahern (eenahern@gmail.com) came to the meeting and is interested in learning more about what we do. Also, Ellen Hosford (erhosford@gmail.com) mentioned to Betsy that she is interested in joining the commission.

Because of the lack of attendance most of the discussion was to update Eileen on what are doing. We briefly looked over Hartland's bylaws as well and discussed that we still need to take a look at the details of the Biofinder product. A brief mention that we still need to find more members arose during the discussion.

Prior to the meeting Michael sent Aaron a link to a webinar entitled "Implementing Forest Fragmentation Act 171" We agreed that this would be a great webinar to listen in on so we decided that our next meeting would be Jan 29th at 6pm so that we can all watch the webinar live.

-Plan to view webinar on Act 171 Jan 29th at 6pm. http://vcgi.vermont.gov/webinar/act171_20180129

Interesting email forwarded from Michael about zoning and wildlife protection

From: Kate McCarthy <kmccarthy@vnrc.org>

Date: November 19, 2017 at 4:13:03 PM EST

To: "vtconservation@googlegroups.com" <vtconservation@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: [AVCC] Digest for vtconservation@googlegroups.com - 4 updates in 1 topic

Though it's not town plan language per se, the guide [Community Strategies for Vermont's Forests and Wildlife: A Guide for Local Action](#) has a series of modules on different implementation tools - including zoning strategies - you can use to protect forests and wildlife.

The guide gets into the zoning details (including with examples of definitions and zoning language!). In addition, in the section describing each tool, it also includes things you should consider addressing in your town plan before you even work on the zoning. For example, on p. 38 of the guide where it talks about conservation zoning, it gives advice on ways to think about the town plan. You may have already done much of this work, but it is another way to think about setting the stage for implementation.

The Guide also includes information on JAM Golf, which Brad mentioned in his email. You can find that info on p. 37 of the guide as well as on p. 68.

<http://vnrc.org/programs/forests-wildlife/guide/>

Have fun and please be in touch with any questions!

Best wishes,
Kate McCarthy