

**Tunbridge Conservation Commission  
May 4, 2023 at Tunbridge Library**

Members Present: Maureen McCullough, Eliza Minnucci, Betsy Gaiser, Evan Reiss, Jory Innes, Scott Beavers, Bryan Kalleberg, Cheryl Metcalf

Public Present:

**Approved April minutes w. corrections**

**Vote on new membership**

- ❖ The motion to recommend that the selectboard appoint Bryan Kalleberg as new member to represent Tunbridge Conservation Commission was approved.

**Treasurer's report**

- ❖ JI shared the TCC budget and made a recommendation (moving forward) to correspond with the fiscal year of the town- July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Correspondence from Upper Valley Land Trust**

- ❖ New conserved land Upper Valley Land Trust - land off of Gilley Rd.
  - *Action Item: BG will contact Maria to get a copy of the*

*conservation easement.*

- ❖ Upper Valley Trails Alliance: BG shared correspondence from UVTA offering membership to help improve local trails.
  - *Action Item: BG will pass this information along to the Trails committee.*

#### **“Discover Tunbridge” Series update: Upcoming Events Plan**

- ❖ Beaver Pond Visit: July 16th, Tyler Brown with Fish and Wildlife. BG has been in communication with two landowners regarding access to the Chelsea portion of the beaver pond, which is a good vantage point for viewing. Suggestion for carpooling for this event.
- ❖ Ephemeral Flower Walk @ at Fledgling Farm Sunday, June, 25 is tentative date for this event, subject to change dependent on wildflower bloom. Proper shoes and attire, wet conditions likely, and tick spray recommended. (Possible TCC workday to prepare trails.)
  - *Action Item: ER will Contact Allaire Diamond from Vermont Land Trust*
- ❖ Invasives - MM is in communication with Mike Bald for a future Sunday talk and demonstration @ Tunbridge School. Date TBD.
- ❖ Bird Walk - Eliza's property first Sunday in June, June 4.
  - *Action Item: TCC members will forward the name of the program, a short description and pertinent information, so that CM can begin creating a flier.*

#### **Green-up Day update:**

- ❖ EM shared an update on road status for Green Up.
  - *Action Item: CM will share an update map to social media and request volunteers for “unclaimed roads”.*

#### **Support to Planning Commission Discussion:**

- ❖ Discussed town planning ideas as it relates to protective conservation measures and reduced fragmentation.
  - *Action Item: BG will attend town planning meeting to provide support.*

#### **Other Business:**

- ❖ Thank you letter Alliance for Vermont Communities and Michael Sacca for donation and for service to TCC.
  - *Action Item: CM will write the thank you letter.*
- ❖ TCC will create an email account for correspondence and our TCC
  - *Action Item: SB will create the Gmail account and share with BG and ER.*

#### **Tentative Agenda for Next Month Created:**

*Action Item: CM will send Agenda one week prior to our next meeting, June, 1.*

#### **Wildlife reports & Meeting Adjourned**

