

Tunbridge Conservation Commission - November 15, 2021 - library
Approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ellen Hosford, Maureen McCoullough, Michael Sacca, Betsy Gaiser, Eliza Minnucci

Members Absent: Neil Fitzgerald

Public Present: Susan Salster, Betty Brown

Called to order at 6:03pm.

Wildlife Update

Northern Harrier Hawk male - Atkinson's farm (MS)

- and female! (MM)

Wood Turtle

Town Forest Walk

- 15 in attendance at very informative walk hosted by Town Forest Committee (Brenda Field) with Dave Paganelli
- Conservation Commision could support invasive species removal next year

Town Report Draft

due by January 1.

Action Item: Maureen McCullough

- WildFlower Project "Tunbridge Blooms"
- River Clean Up
- Green Up Day (collaboration with Rec Committee)
- Town Forest Walk (collaboration with Town Forest Committee)

Coverts Walk

- walk to explore what it looks like to manage land for wildlife
- potential for workshops at Larry Menedoht and/or about coverts
 - perhaps a spring ephemeral flower walk
 - perhaps a winter talk to first share the idea of wildlife
 - invite Larry to collaborate

Four Town Coalition Update

- idea to have the four Conservation Commission chairs (or whole groups) getting together to meet about more regional ideas
- Class 3 and Paved Road bicycling trails maps for the region is forthcoming - will be up on a Four Town website
 - *ACTION ITEM Michael to connect with Tunbridge Trails Committee*

Town Plan Update

- has been voted on and approved by Tunbridge Selectboard
- next step is to be approved by TRORC, who look at consistency with regional plans and neighboring town plans

White River Land Collaborative (Belknap Brook / Chapman Farm)

possibility for ski/snowshoe trail with parking access

ACTION ITEM - Ellen to contact Jonathan Bicknell to call Trails Committee Meeting

Christmas Bird Count

ACTION ITEM- Eliza to publicize date and getting in touch with Brian Lowe

Tunbridge Quarterly Update

December 15th deadline?

ACTION ITEM - Michael Sacca to follow up

Elect Interim Chair

EM - Nominate Ellen Hosford for interim director through March annual officer elections

MM - Seconded

- discussion
- Interim Director should perhaps get on AVCC mailing list

Other Business

Conservation Commission Budget Proposal

- \$500 budget allowance from town
 - \$50 - AVCC membership
 - \$200 - Speakers
 - \$350 - Projects
- fundraising
 - Tunbridge Walks Book
 - Annual Calendar

Wildflower Project - #129!

- Announcement
- Community Art Project
- Slow Feed on Social Media
- Monthly/Seasonal Checklist

Ashley Community Forest

- Selectboards in Strafford and Sharon to vote shortly as to whether to accept Ashley Community Forest Gift

ACTION ITEM - Eliza to request Geoff to list all members on website, and Ellen as interim chair

October Meeting Minutes

Discussion, Amendments

Approved

(minor revisions suggested and accepted)

Adjourned 7:59

Next Meeting: December 20, 2021 6pm