

Tunbridge Conservation Commission - March 21, 2022 - by Zoom
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ellen Hosford, Maureen McCoullough, Eliza Minnucci, Michael Sacca, Betsy Gaiser, Jory Innes, Cheryl Metcalf, Scott Beavers

Public Present: Larry Mengedoht

Called to order at 6:01pm.

Review of Minutes

Discussion and Amendment to December minutes:
minimal revisions
Approved Unanimously

Meeting Recording

Commission approval to use Town Zoom Account and record meetings going forward

Finalize Agenda

MS - Suggestion to prioritize preparing for meeting with Jens Hilke

Public Comment

Coverts Walk and Wildflowers Walk

April 23rd - Coverts Walkshop - Dave Paganelli

9am-noon, 3 hour walk, with one steep section

Apple Tree, Mast Tree Release, Hardwood Forest - Canopy Release, Dense Hemlock - deer yard, Forest Openings, Vernal Pool, Forest Edge uneven versus straight, Invasive Species, Oak Tree Plantings, Open Fields

Parking along Swanson Drive - where Dickerman and Swanson meet

April 30 - Ephemeral Flower Walk - Eliza Minnucci

10am-noon

EM - Create Google Doc Advertised on Facebook and Listserve

SB - Herald for Covert Walks only Thursday

Will be mentioned on Greenzine this week

Long Term Planning with Jens Hilke

April 11th and May 16th in person

EM - Motion to engage with Jens Hilke on long-term planning

MS - seconded

Unanimously Approved

6pm-8pm on Monday, April 11th

- 20 minutes to hear from commission members speaking to interest on Commission
- information from Jens on statewide issues
- Brainstorm a list of what we'd like to go forward with in the long term
- interrogation of the long-term ideas following a structure of questions and prioritization voting (work to be completed asynchronously)

May 16th

- decide together which ideas to carry forward into a work plan over the next five years

List of Suggested Projects

Running list of project and event ideas added to our online drive, now successfully shared with all members.

Blue Bird House Project

79 Birdhouses Ordered altogether, expecting \$1355 in funds (\$900 already deposited with Town)

- for next time: improve communication
- consider other sources for donated lumber
- streamline payment/distribution
- Revisit in the Fall for another Spring project (ie: bat houses, kestrel houses)

Elect a Treasurer

Role of Treasurer:

Work with Becky (Town Treasurer) to create a recording system that works for us

Maintain records of fundraising and payments

Create reports as deemed necessary in collaboration with Becky

BG - Nominates Jory Innes for interim treasurer

MS - Seconded

Unanimously approved

Green Up Day

EM - create volunteer document for Green-Up Collaboration

Town Forest Naming Contest

EM - To continue working on this with Brenda Field and Forest Committee with an aim towards complimenting more public events on the Garage Lot and work on the planned Pavillion

ATV-UTV Town Highway Use

Discussion about neighboring town action on ATV question

Discussion about TCC creating statement to inform Selectboard on issue

MS - Will share brainstorming document for collecting ideas on topics to investigate/report on proposed ATV usage

EH - Will ask Jens Hilke for advice on this issue

Calendar of Events for 2022

Bird Walks - May 14th, June 18th

EM- to ask Geoff to update TCC Membership

EM- to forward Michael's phone number as contact number for TCC in TQ

Wildlife Update

Many reports of Bluebirds moving into houses already!

Bluebirds, Kestrel and Northern Harrier noted in Western Ridge of Tunbridge.

Bears are awake, fresh tracks spotted on Spring Road.

Adjourned 8:10pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11th, 6pm-8pm Special Meeting with Jens Hilke, at the library and on Zoom

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 18th, 6pm, at the library and on Zoom.