

Tunbridge Conservation Commission - April 18, 2022 - by and at the library Zoom

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

Public Present:

Called to order at 6:03pm.

Meeting Recording begun

Review of Minutes

Discussion and Amendment to March minutes:
minimal revisions
Approved Unanimously

Discussion and Amendments to April 11th Special Meeting
no revisions
Approved Unanimously

Finalize Agenda

EH - Adding discussion about June meeting
BG - Adding discussion about trails maintenance
MS - Request discussion about Jens Hilke meeting

Public Comment

No public present

Old Business

Review Blue Birdhouse

\$1,290 raised to date
(for future reference lumber per birdhouse might be around \$5)

Coverts Walk

April 23rd

Wildflower Walk

April 30

EM - will post again to facebook, listserve, FrontPorchForum

Wildflower Project

EM & CM to collaborate on publicity of wildflowers in weekly or every other week posts to Instagram and Facebook(which will appear on town website)

Green-Up Day

Commission members to fill out volunteer slots for handing out Green-Up Bags, as available
We will have a map laminated to keep track of planned and finished clean-up
MS - will invite Bryon Keysar

Bird Walks

MS - Will choose locations, send information, preview with Cheryl
EM - Will publicize on facebook
Suggested locations: on roads, perhaps Brocklebank to Quarry,

ATV/UTV Town Highway Use

Discussion to identify any potential environmental concerns
EM - Suggestion to select a few topics of concern

Pollution - (Carbon, Air/Dust, Litter, Noise) - MM, EM

UVM Research on pollution from ATVs/UTVs (MM to share resource)

Soil Compaction/Soil Erosion - CM

Consider potential effects on Class 4 sections

Wildlife - MS

Upper Valley land Trust Trails and Wildlife (BG to share resource)
Spread of Invasives?

User Conflict -

Safety, Change of suitability of roads(especially class 4) from how they are currently used

Other Sources of Possible Information -

Newport, Glover VT, Pittsburg, NH
Data on electric recreational vehicles

Aim for a June deadline for a 1-2 page advisory sheet for the audience of the Planning Commission and Selectboard

June Meeting / Election of Officers

EH - chair will be out of town, Ellen will not be running for chair position, and made remarks for us all to think about our next leader

- establish credibility and trust
- reliable and unbiased source of information
- cooperatively as partner

- positive entity
- enthusiasm and people power
- safe place to come and raise issues
- sustain valuable web of relationships in community
- recognized as the town's commission, not a separate group
- 10 Characteristics of a CC Chair: integrity, ability to delegate, communication, self awareness, gratitude, learning, agility, influence, empathy, courage, respect,

EH - motion to move June Conservation Commission meeting to June 27th

BG - seconded

Unanimously approved

Trails Maintenance

BG - Request for Executive Session citing: VSA 313 A1E

BG Motion for Executive Session

EM Seconded

Discussion

Unanimously Approved

Executive Session entered at 7:31pm

EM - Motion to End Executive Session

MS - Seconded

Executive Session ended at 8:07

Town Forest Collaboration

Invite Town Forest Committee to come to discussion with our Commission

MS and EM to continue to connect with Forest Committee Members

Perhaps attend July Meeting

Wildlife Reports

Bumblebee - Rustback, perhaps - edited identification: Tricolor Bumblebee

Kestrels on Monarch

Coyote on Monarch

Carolina Wren on Kelsey Mountain

Mourning Cloak Butterfly on Spring

Wood Duck on Rte 14

Adjourned at ~8:40

Next Meeting May 16, With Jens Hilke, 6pm at the Library and by Zoom