

**Tunbridge Conservation Commission - June 27, 2022 - in the library and by Zoom**  
*Draft Meeting Minutes*

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

Public Present: none

**Called to order at 6:05pm.**

**Meeting Minutes Review**

April 18, 2022 - Approved

May 16, 2022 - Approved

**ATV/UTV Road Use**

Articles presented by MM:

Cumulative and Universal : ATV Impacts on the Landscape and Wildlife

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/backcountryhunters/pages/2374/attachments/original/1455919275/ORV\\_WHITE\\_PAPER.pdf?1455919275](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/backcountryhunters/pages/2374/attachments/original/1455919275/ORV_WHITE_PAPER.pdf?1455919275)

Environmental and Social Effects of ATVs and ORVs: An Annotated Bibliography and Research Assessment

<https://americantrails.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/files/pdf/ohvbibliogVT00.pdf>

Articles shared by CM on ATV use on soils and vegetation:

*Action: MM, CM, EM to send points to MS*

*Action: MS to draft letter for July Meeting*

Potential Points to Include:

- responsibility of maintenance of Class 4 sections used by ATVs
- increased run-off
- Quarry Road sensitive area
- noise effect on wildlife, livestock and community

**Strategic Plan**

Discussion about items that received low effort scores

Discussion about items receiving high effort scores:

*Walks and Talks:*

*Intention to have one every month*

Town Forest Renaming: Bio-Blitz, History

Invasive Species

Bird Migration twice a year  
Fungi  
Foraging  
Habitat Specific Bio-Blitz  
Healthy Streams  
Forests: Fragmentation,  
Kid Specific  
First Branch Clean-Up (September?)

#### *Fundraising*

1-2 per year (target holiday)  
Covered Bridges Bird Feeder (November/December)  
Annual Ask

#### **Officer Duties and Election**

##### Treasurer:

*Record-Keeping:* In collaboration with Town Treasurer track TCC fundraising and spending.

Jory Innes, unanimously elected to a term of one year - June 2023

##### Clerk:

*Minutes:* Take minutes during meetings, distribute drafts to Commission and Tunbridge Webmaster within one week of meeting, keep and revise draft minutes, distribute approved minutes to Commission and Tunbridge Webmaster

*Correspondence:* Assist and coordinate posting of TCC meetings and events

*Records:* Maintain records of terms and officials

Cheryl Metcalf, unanimously elected to a term of one year - June 2023

##### Chairperson:

*Setting the Agenda:* sending draft 2 weeks before to Commission, distributing/posting 1 week before meeting

*Meeting Logistics:* scheduling meeting room, securing access to meeting room (library key for example), running Zoom for meeting, facilitate meetings

*Correspondence:* receiving and distributing correspondence, communicating with Select Board / spokesperson

AVCC: Insuring dues are paid annually

Betsy Gaiser - Interim Chair through October 2022

##### Other Tasks:

TQ Correspondence: Eliza will continue to write TQ updates

*Action: CM/SB to post about new membership recruitment*

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jory has begun collaboration with Becky at town offices.

**Next Meeting's Agenda**

Reschedule Regular Meeting Day

Membership Recruitment

Strategic Plan

ATV Letter

Walks and Talks

Betsy's Reports

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