

Tunbridge Conservation Commission - September 1, 2022 - @ TCC library - draft

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

Public Present: Jens Hilke

Called to order at 6:05pm.

Meeting Minutes Review

-August 18, 2022 minutes- approved

Strategic Plan Update

Jens Hilke -

- Previewing documents as created thus far
- Suggestion to review for accuracy and to add to potential partners section
- Suggestion to come back to this plan each meeting to keep the work alive
- Suggestion to balance “sticking to it” and also alter it as the need arises

Action Needed:

Describe action steps and timing for

“investigate mapping and improving public access to the river for recreational use.”

- where are access points with parking

“Biannual kid fun day (river day and forest day)”

- Planning in spring and planning in fall

Action Item: EM to add documents to shared Google drive

First Branch River Clean Up

- 15 volunteers including kids
- 24 tires, a lot of metal including a sewing machine
- went smoothly

Walks and Talks Planning

Update on collaboration with Forest Committee Town Forest Event Series

EM - Motion to commit \$150 to pay tracker Lynn Levine.

SB - Seconded

Motion passed.

Action Item: Betsy to check with selectboard about disbursement of funds to Lynn Levine

Action Item: Jory to check with Becky Hoyt about paying visiting professionals

Winter Evening

First (or Second) Fridays January, February and March, 7pm

Suggested Speakers:

Jaclyn Comeau - wildlife biologist with Agency of Natural Resources, Black Bear Project

Action Item: Scott Beavers to reach out to Jaclyn Comeau (January)

Marybeth Hanley - speaker on invasives

Action Item: Jory Innes to reach out to Marybeth Hanley for March talk (March)

Jim Andrews at Vermont Herp Atlas

Action Item: Eliza to reach out to Jim Andrews and/or VTHerp guy (February)

Possible land trust person to talk about conserving land, forrests, or stewardship or land and woodlands. Kate Forrer - UVM Extension Community Forestry Program

Action Item: Evan Reiss to reach out to Kate Forrer.

Other ideas: Grassland Bird Expert from VCE

ATV Ordinance Recommendation

Discussion

Action Item: Maureen to tidy up letter and share with all

Other Business

Zoom Meetings:

Acknowledging public request for Zoom meetings

The Conservation Commission would take advantage of technology available in Tunbridge (OWL and big screen especially) to make a Zoom meeting effective for both in-person and at-home attendance.

Bio-Blitz at Town Forest - Garage Lot:

Action Item: EM to pursue setting up iNaturalist project

Sharing our Strategic Plan

- continue to review, and aim to share with other town groups

Next Meeting: October 6, 6pm, Tunbridge Library