

Tunbridge Conservation Commission - November 3, 2022 @ TPL - draft minutes

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

Public Present: none

Called to order at 6:10 pm.

Meeting Minutes Review

-October 6, 2022 minutes- approved

Abenaki land acknowledgement

“Winter Evenings” schedule update

Winter evenings will take place at the Tunbridge Public Library @ 7:00 - January - March

First Friday	Third Friday
Jan. 6: Brian Kippen (KAD Models)	January 20: Islene Runningdeer (Musician Healer)
February 3: Herpetologist Kyley Briggs (wood turtle)	February 17: White River Land Collaborative Emily and Rudy
March 3: Bears w. Jaclyn Comeau VFW	March 17: Charles Stone (geologist)

-Confirmed that there is a form for guest speakers to complete prior to their winter talk. Does MS have access to this form?

-Discussed payment, sound system information, space, and refreshments logistics.

-We voted to pay a fee for Kyley Briggs, herpetologist.

Action Item: MS & relevant members: locate and send guest speaker form to all TCC members.

Action Item: BG & CM will meet with Kay & Elaine to discuss sound and media.

AVCC conference update:

- BG shared an update with TCC members regarding sessions she attended.

- *Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage - understanding freshwaters and climate resilience legislative initiative with VNRC, which advocates buffers protecting streams, riparian areas, and wetlands

- *Biofinder w. Jens Hilke

- *Developing a municipal climate toolkit - connections made.

Four-town conservation commission meeting update

-December 14th at Town Hall. We plan to have as much representation as possible.

WRLC shrub planting report

-JI reported back to TCC members after attending White River Land Collaborative's Forest Management Project w. Rudy and Emily Bowles -

- *many red ozure dogwood and nannyberries were planted at designated area

“Walks and Talks”/ Town Forest update

-EM shared an upcoming events:

- * Nov. 12: History with Izzy Provoncha – learn about residents buried in the cemetery adjacent to the forest and Revolutionary War era local history
- *Dec.3: Lynn Levine: Tracking
- *Jan. 7 Fire and Cooking

Other business

-BG shared two local pamphlets helpful for future goals and planning:

- *Landowners Guide to Wetlands - VT Wetlands Project
- *Royalton Wildlife Corridor

-Discussed Christmas Bird Count - revisit closer to event on Dec. 14.

TCC shared-folder update -

-EM has emailed IS to help rebuild our TCC folder after recent changes made by Google have changed access to some items.

Action Item: EM will rebuild the folder & reach out to IS for documents.

Action Item: TCC members who have created documents should share access with EM

Wildlife reports:

Dec meeting: focus on town report & TQ Entry

Action Item: CM will send “homework” to prepare for December meeting

