

## Tunbridge Conservation Commission Minutes for October 5th, 2023

### *Draft Minutes*

Members Present: Eliza Minnucci, Betsy Gaiser, Evan Reiss, Bryan Kalleberg, Cheryl Metcalf

Public Present: Christian Pelletier

#### **Call to Order: 6:10**

**Approve September minutes:** minutes approved with no corrections.

**Christian Pelletier from the White River Partnership:** Saturday Oct. 14 @ 11:00 am-1:00 pm (rain date - Saturday 21st).

- ❖ Discussed cleanup projects on First Branch. Locations include Bill Crouse land, Blakeman's, tires near Belknap, and Howe property.
- ❖ Trash will go to the transfer station in Tunbridge, and additional trash to Royalton transfer station.
- ❖ Plan for 2-3 hours of volunteers, revisit what does not get cleaned-up in the spring.

*Action Items: BG will reach out about needing winch, ER will confirm details with transfer station and contact selectboard.*

*CP will confirm parking at Belknap Bridge and other property owner details, and will create a flier to reach out to other volunteers.*

#### **Winter Evenings Planning:**

- ❖ Revisited Winter Evening Ideas/Speakers:
  - Abenaki discussion - *ER reached out and is continuing to work on details, EM also has a possible contact*
  - Night Flyers - might be better suited for spring/summer.
  - Other Ideas: Geology, Land Trusts/Conservation, Deer/Moose Habitat
  - Kate Forrer from Vermont Woodlands
  - Wetland Hydrology - *research a possible contact for this topic.*

*Action Items: EM will reach out to KF to discuss ideas for talk around wildlife*

**Future event planning/outreach:** Winter walks / Winter bonfire/ Chester's outing / Library Space

*Action Items: EM will reach out to Brenda regarding another winter bonfire event.*

### **Conservation commision: Bylaws and mission discussion**

- ❖ Reviewed TCC mission statement, will circle back to create a revised mission statement, and systematically review goals/5 year plan.

*ER to monitor trails committee minutes, BG to monitor town planning minutes.*

- ❖ **Other business:** Discussed creating an infographic to share TCC events and accomplishments and future library corner.

**Ongoing TQ Topics:** We will continue to add info at the end of each meeting to help draft upcoming TQ submissions.

**Wildlife report:**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:12**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ TPL beginning at 6:00 pm