

Tunbridge Conservation Commission
November 2, 2023 @ Tunbridge Library, 6:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Members present: Evan Reiss, Betsy Gaiser, Jory Innes, Eliza Minnucci Bryan Kalleberg, Scott Beavers, Cheryl Metcalf

Public Present: none

Call to Order: 6:13 pm

- ❖ Approve October Minutes: October minutes approved with no corrections.
- ❖ River Cleanup Recap: We 30 tires, 300 lbs of trash, 1 yard of scrap metal, waste bottles, and a four-wheeler from the First Branch of the White River. 14 volunteers helped with this event.
 - Action Item: ER will report these details to the Select Committee
- ❖ Winter Evenings Planning: We discussed possible speakers. 2nd (or 4th) Friday at 7 pm @ Tunbridge Public Library in the months of January, February, March.
 - Abenaki Discussion: Earl Hatley w. Ottaquechee Water Protectors - *ER will check to narrow/solidify the topic.*
 - Upper Valley Land Trust - SB will inquire about a potential, relevant talk/topic
 - VCE - SB will inquire about interesting topics including Keystone Trees with D. Narango
 - Vermont Humanities Council possible topics - EM will contact Michael Tougias 400 miles Down the Connecticut River and Beekeeping.

Action Item: We will continue this discussion via email and regroup at our Dec. meeting.

- ❖ **Future Event Planning:** An ongoing discussion of upcoming program planning.
 - Winter: Possible Chester's Winter Outing
 - Spring/Summer: Invasive species, moths, beaver walk continued, native plants, Managing land to support wildlife and birds, river clean-up, open garden tour.
- ❖ **Town Report Planning & Drafting:** *EM is creating a detailed list and will share via email*
- ❖ **Conservation Commission Bylaws and Mission Statement Update:** Intention to revisit our bylaw and draft an updated mission statement.
 - Action Item: *CM will focus group discussion for January meeting.*
- ❖ **Other Business/Ongoing:** Brocklebank/Coverts Talk Friday, Nov 3 @ 9pm Tunbridge Quarterly - River Clean-Up, Winter Evening Planning, Social media Check-in, Wildlife sightings

***Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ TPL beginning at 6:00 pm ***