

Tunbridge Conservation Commission
June 6, 2024 @ Tunbridge Library, 6:00 pm

Members present: Betsy Gaiser, Jory Innes, Bryan Kalleberg, Mali'o Kodis, Evan Reiss, Tess Mix

Public Present: Tess Mix, potential new board member

Call to Order: 6:13 pm

- ❖ Approved May Minutes: Minutes approved without corrections.
- ❖ Review of TCC account balance and finances in regard to Green Up Day. We will follow up in the July meeting on Green Up Day costs. Tabling Green Up Day till next meeting.
- ❖ Review on Wikopi Forest/ town dump road planting, flowers and trails.
 - Mali'o suggested a trail walk just by TCC members to see what is possible and available there. It is now scheduled for **June 19 at 4 pm**.
 - We discussed TCC participation to support the fall naming/grandopening event with the Forest Committee
 - Evan suggested we do a TCC **summer event** open to the public there. Can point out interesting historical aspects of the land. TCC agreed to schedule this event in July; we can decide on July event agenda and coverage at the June 19th walkthrough.
 - Tess suggests Cheryl lead the public walk. Evan suggested a bird focused walk. TBD on June 19 TCC walk through.
 - Should TCC buy a game camera or two to help us discuss what wildlife is around us?
- ❖ Hazardous waste day on June 22. Questioning how to promote.
 - Hope to have Cheryl post to instagram (motioned for this to be a focus), FB, FPF and possibly a Tunbridge reddit page
- ❖ Mission Statement/ Member Survey. Desire to move forward on recreating our mission statement to better describe our goals and aspirations. Discussion tabled until full board is present.
 - Looking for the responses to survey questions to resend to everyone, wondering if Eliza has them in a google doc.
- ❖ Roadside mowing: Tess to research Vermont roadside protocol for mowing and planning.
- ❖ Proposal to move all meetings to the second Tuesday as opposed to Thursday of each month. Easier for summer, holidays and otherwise. To review at the next meeting.
 - Mali'o to check with Library if we can meet there the first OR second Wednesday of each month.

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously to have selectboard appoint Tess Mix to TCC. Tess to attend selectboard meeting June 25 with Betsy.
- ❖ Discussion/update regarding Legal Trails.
- ❖ Does the White River Partnership need a river steward for the First Branch? TCC is interested in creating this role and filling it with a TCC member. Bryan is going to the next WRP on June 20th. Evan will look into seeing if it's possible to get a flood gauge installed on the First Branch.
- ❖ Eliza is working on the next submission to the TQ.
- ❖ Wildlife sightings: Bears on Betsy's and Mali'o's properties. Luna moth in Mali'o's barn. Pollen is more than usually heavy this year. Bryan mentioned the browning of white pine needles this year - caused by unusually heavy rains last year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10 , 2024 @ TPL beginning at 6:00 pm