Tunbridge Conservation Commission

June 4, 2026 meeting @ Tunbridge Library

In Attendance: Linda Clark, Peter Hayden, Cheryl Metcalf, Tess Mix, Evan Reiss, Stew Fisher

Meeting Opening at 6:05 pm

- Reviewed & approved May Minutes- minutes approved with no corrections.

**Committee Reports:**

- Invasives Committee
    - Honeysuckle Removal Event Debrief - This was a successful and well-received event, with 11 people in attendance and with equipment and manpower a good amount of honeysuckle was removed from the entrance to Wicopy Woods.
        - Discussion as to where this should be an annual event to track progress each year at Wicopy Woods.
        - Discussion: Should we make this an annual event, or focus on additional areas that provide more visibility as to efforts in invasive removal?
            - Town Dump and Rec Field mentioned as possible locations
        - *Action Items: Decision to report back to community*
            - *SF to share to FPF & TD, LC to share photos & CM to share on social media.*

    - Chervil: Noted that it seems that mowing was earlier this year. Plan to circle back to best practices for chervil removal for next year, with a renewed focus, including employing use of community tractors and *"adopt-a-road" strategies.*
        - *Action Items: LC & TM to discuss possible "adopt-a-road" with Mary R.*

    - Fall Invasive Plant Workshop with Redstart Consulting - PH is coordinating and planning with Markus regarding a date in September.
        - Discussion around location, ultimately decided upon Tunbridge School with an eye to the possibility of the Fairgrounds next year
        - *Action Items*
            - *PH will establish date and time*
            - *CM will create poster for advertising*
            - *TM to discuss with Mary R for future Fairground possibility*

- Annual River Clean Up:
    - TM is event lead & will begin this planning process, identifying location and coordinating with involved parties to have (Oct.) date set by August meeting

- *Action Item: CM to create guiding document for Handbook with information based upon past events and past collaborators*

**Ongoing Business:**

- Play Every Town Debrief - wonderful community event & performance
  - TCC was the beneficiary of $470 from this event, MK has deposited
    - *Action Item: LC and CM will send thank you notes to those involved*

**New Business:**

- Hurricane Hill Trail - Discussion around TCC and its role in shared and legal trails. Decision that this lies outside of our scope and capacity, though would be a great trail if pursued by landowner.

**6 Month Check-In**: We have completed a lot of events and projects in the first half of 2026 and there are a lot of accomplishments to celebrate!

- Goals Discussed
  - 3 Year Plan for Invasives
    - The Invasives Committee will meet to create a long-range plan and report back to the commission to discuss actionable items, annual cycle, and to determine ownership with members of commission.
  - Community Communication
    - Discussion regarding increasing methods for communicating with the Tunbridge community
    - Discussion around community partners and “second-tier” stakeholders
      - The Communications Committee will meet and share back to our larger group.
  - Four-Town Meeting
    - discussed a possible meeting with 4 towns to be held at the end of this year.
    - Need to identify goals/objectives and lead

**Meeting Closing:**

- Announcements & Communication
  - CM Shared recent email communication from community members
- Discussion of July meeting date
  - We agreed to meet next month, but to also check in regarding possible conflicts with July 4 weekend

    - Discussion to use this meeting to walk the trail together to Strawberry Hill
- Tunbridge Quarterly - discussed list of events and information for the upcoming June submission