

Town of Bolton
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Conservation Commission

September 19, 2016 6:00 – 8:20 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Ludwin, Jerry Mullen , Virginia Haviland, Steve McLeod, Ali Kosiba

Members Absent: none

Guests: Deb Shelby, Emily Noisse-Leirer, Brian Mezitt, Gary Urban, Sue Santor, Larissa Urban

1. Review, and additions, minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting . Additions for the past minutes? Approval of Past Minutes.

Minutes accepted and seconded, passed by all

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda.

Cara Montgomery Regional Stewardship Manager, Vermont Land Trust emailed and discussed with Amy : a need to clarify and in positive language name reasons why we are having limits on trapping.

We could say something in section: 8.2.1.

like: Trapping is restricted in the PPCA to protect natural habitats and for the safety of other users (in line with the limitations of the easement.)

Motion from Steve: If SB agrees to restrict trapping we will address Cara's memo of 9/19 at that time, and discuss the language of how to say that at that time.

2nd Amy Passed by all

3. Public Comments : none

4. COI question; Does anyone have a potential /or possible conflict of interest issue related to any of the topics on this agenda?

No

Jerry might, will let SB decide. He still owns bottom end of pond, his part is 2' low, no beavers any more, no dam repair, no fishing no canoeing.. etc. Amy has looked into this,

Vt. League of Cities and Towns is clear : it is up to person to decide for self. He withdraws his possible COI.

5. 6:15 CC input requested for the Town Plan: Guests: Deb Shelby PC member and Emily Noisse-Leirer : 30 minutes.

Importance of town plan, guidance for town and for government agencies, refers to other docs w/o adding them to plan. Restate: the rules the town needs to oblige, list of future possible goals, List of lots of issues/goals at the end, to be narrowed. Per Vt law zoning and other regs must agree w/town plan.

Scenic, Historic, Cultural section of town plan:

Historical Society should not be part/purvey of CC.

Do we have a list of scenic vistas to be preserved? Not yet. State says views from Rt 2 are scenic, does that include all Bolton? Can we take on creating a list of scenic vistas ? Need more info? 1 a/f, more info later to decide.

Take CC off of 1 b and 1 e on town plan.

Propose to take conservation fund off 1 e, change to town funds to leave flexible.

2 a possible CC involvement with regards to scenic part of land use etc.

Take CC off 2 b and 3 b

4 a, SMS not best emergency shelter for all needs, check into emergency part of doc.

Change to PPCA in whole plan.

Under Watersports, In the line that mentions the Potholes : suggestion to list number of deaths at potholes.

Children's Recreation: add Wheeler Field, and maybe change title to family recreation?

Under recreation: item 2a : The CC doesn't plan to take this on as a goal at this time.

2 b trail standards exist already, adopting current standards

2c. The PPCA Steward is already going to do this, in the PPCA MP.

2d. add on to Responsible party: SB, and CC ?

Emily took lots more notes... on plan.....

Time ran out, we each need to review and comment on p 7/8 on nat'l resources plan on those items listed as related to the CC , please email Deb : dlshelby@mac.com or e-mail Emily enosse-leirer@ccrpcvt.org with your comments on those asap .

6. . Budget plans. Overall, and re: fund for PPCA items - tabled (tabled this and next items to be able to go into session with the SB. See SB minutes for more info. on the connect of their meeting in progress which we were guests at.)

7. Bolton Falls Request for Info. : re: relicensing of the Hydro project on the river. tabled

8. Updates, Friends Of Winooski - Smilie School runoff , Wheeler Field , PPCA maps- and signs , Bolton Canoe Access/ Duxbury Road. -Floodplain Inventory: & landowner contacts - tabled

9. Mtn. Biking at PPCA - Brian Mezitt

Brian read his document, wants mtn biking removed from prohibited uses in PPCA. Point of kids getting to friends' by trail, not longer dangerous road travel on 3 mi dirt rd.

Point made that VAST does not allow wheeled vehicles, and so can't access PP trails w/o VAST section.

Brian will reach out to VAST and gather more info.

More discussion for next meeting.

10. Possible New Members and Member outreach- MMU student volunteer for secretary? Note taking, take turns, possible community service for MMU student. tabled

11. Conservation fund policy. tabled

12. PPCA proposed Management Plan updates; Meeting at 7:15 with the SB 45 minutes to discuss : trapping 30 minutes , dogs 15 minutes.

Back at 8:45, discussion about process relating to PPCA, public input, prior landowner letter, CC process, SB questions.

Ali reaching out to Cara (VLT) about Tiffany's letter and does she have any interpretive help for us pertaining to easement and our document and she will let us know.

On Bolton website Brian found some info about original intent of sale with forest evals etc, will send on to CC.

Amy will make a plan with Chris Bernier Fur bearer specialist at F&W to plan/ discuss a site visit to PPCA and the area. Amy to let BCC members know when Bernier site visit is so we can attend if interested.

13. Meeting schedule: next meeting 9/29/16 : 6:30- 8:30 pm. Next 12/5/16 (due to conflicts w/ scheduling for Nov.)

14. Items for next meeting agenda:

Numbers 6., 7., 8., 9., 10., 11., 12., 15. 16 Confirm 5 has been followed up on .

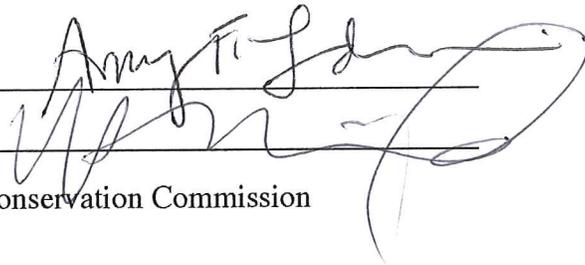
15. Other communications/mail

16. Adjourn Jerry moves to close, 2nded, all in favor. adjourned .

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Conservation Commission on:

9/29/16



For the Conservation Commission