

Bolton Conservation Commission Meeting August 13, 2007

Smilie School, Bolton Vermont

Attendance: Tony Barbagallo, Amy May, Sharon Murray, Tom Longstreth

New CC members

Lars Botzjoorn has indicated he wants to step down from CC.

Action: Tony will put paragraph in gazette regarding recruitment for new members.

Planning Grant to Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Deadline in September for grants up to \$15,000 for planning. Could use for resource planning and setting priorities for use of Conservation Fund if it is reinstated. Sharon asked Planning Commission if they plan to submit anything. Could also be used to identify the fiscal impact of conservation.

Action: Sharon will follow up with Planning Commission and work on grant application with Amy.

Action: Sharon will again call Mike Snyder re forestry plan

Geomorphological Study

Members are still reviewing. Study identified need to do Phase II Study on several areas, most importantly Joiner Brook. Joiner Brook has the most development pressure and worrisome impact of runoff on steep slopes. Money available for Phase II from Clean and Clear fund.

Preston Pond Trail Work

2nd summer trail work held. Low turnout again but lots of good work accomplished. Most sign posts in place.

Action: Tom will forward an electronic copy of the trail map to CC.

Action: Sharon will research information on the history of the old cellar hole off of VAST trail near Stage Road (cellar hole is marked on trail map). Putting up this historical marker is the final commitment under the Preston Pond Trail Grant.

DRB

Kokell sketch plan presented to DRB for review. Some concerns based on location and steep slopes that CC should review.

Town is without a zoning administrator again. Sharon is doing administrative work while DRB is without administrator.

Action: Sharon will send CC notice of application for review and time for site review.

Chittenden Uplands

Amy gave a brief update on the Chittenden Uplands Conservation effort. Amy is serving as Bolton CC representative on commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM