

Marlboro Conservation Commission Minutes

06-Mar-17

Attendance Kevin Kennedy, Ashley Bies, Adam Gebb, Dante Corsano, Mike Purcell

CC Membership Transition

- Charlie Schneeweis is out of town in Guilford, but wants to continue to be part of the CC.
- Luanne Kloster wants to be involved, but is presently away caring for her brother.
- Tom Groves has moved to Brattleboro, and is no longer part of the CC.

CC Input to Hogback Preservation Committee

- The CC previously recommended that the Hogback Conservancy designate its land North of Route 9 as an ecological reserve, but has yet to meet with the Hogback Preservation Commission on this topic. Mike is on the HPC and will get the CC on the agenda for c.20 minutes to deliver and discuss our input.

Possible CC Representative for Development Review Board Process if Proposed Zoning is Adopted

- CC will plan to designate a member to represent the CC's recommendations to the DRB during any potential site visits (if the proposed wildlife overlay districts are implemented).

CC update and input for the Planning Commission's Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Changes

- Next Planning Commission hearing on proposed wildlife habitat and road crossing zoning will be the 2nd Tuesday in April (the 11th).
- We will request that the Planning Commission and Jeff Nugent consider (Ashley will convey request to Staley McDermet, and to Jeff Nugent at the Windham Regional Commission).

Beginning CC Review of Potential Additions to the Existing Wildlife Zoning Proposals

- CC will begin considering additional road crossings to propose as a potential zoning revision, to more fully represent current wildlife activity patterns, and to provide representation and resilience to potential climate change impacts.
- CC will begin investigating the possibility of Marlboro creating an optional habitat protection and tax reduction program for property within priority areas for wildlife road crossings. At our next meeting, we will discuss potential easement and tax adjustment mechanisms, and consideration of holding an outreach process to explore the interest and input of priority road crossing landowners.

CC Chair Election

- Adam is stepping down as CC Chair; we elected Ashley as the new Chair.

Invasive species control

- CC will remind the Select Board of our recommendation that they approve funding to control Japanese knotweed along South Road in the Town Center (Ashley will email Marcia).

Next meeting

- Monday April 10th, 7p (Ashley will confirm Town Office availability).