

Conservation Commission 1/8/18

Present: Ashley Bies, Dante Corsano, Mike Purcell, Pieter Van Loon, Jaime Tanner

Wildlife Road Crossings on hold until after zoning review

Pieter mentioned that the state will require that towns address knotweed invasions – this might be a good role for CC to help in identifying areas where it is an issue
We should find out if Adam has previous maps of knotweed locations

Jaime will look into past Marlboro student's pilot study on using activated charcoal to help control knotweed.

Roadside mowing could be vector of invasive spread

We discussed how to organize meetings, it was decided to continue as is for the time being

CC budget – selectboard reviewed but hasn't finalized the budget

Planning and organizing winter wildlife movement monitoring we can use iNaturalist to record data

We discussed opportunities for regional collaborations with Green River Watershed Alliance– conservation planning mtg tomorrow and wildlife movement monitoring is a main topic

Do we want to pursue a collaboration within the 6 towns, Wardsboro, Dover, Newfane, Halifax, Guilford, Marlboro prioritizing corridors, sharing data, collecting data and working towards conservation planning?

Perhaps we could organize joint meetings or workshops, which would include inviting experts to present. Can Marlboro CC host one of these events, potluck, workshop format? Maybe include group tracking to begin with

Potential space for this event– meetinghouse over February break or the college maybe over the spring break

lets gauge interest and then look at potential speakers and scheduling

Jaime mentioned efforts by a current student to pursue fundraising for a potential Nordic ski trail at Marlboro College. We might want to comment on location and potential effects on wildlife movement once a location is chosen.