

## **Marlboro Conservation Commission Minutes 9/10/18**

Present: Ashley Bies, Dante Corsano, Kevin Kennedy, David Purcell, Jaime Tanner

Minutes from last meeting –Kevin sent them out today but we will vote on them at the next meeting.

Ryan will have report soon on Marlboro Knotweed Mapping project

Who will be attending the Association of Vermont Conservation Commission Annual conference – last Saturday of September in Poultney at Green Mountain College. Ashley went last year, is available to go again.

Collaborative wildlife linkage conservation planning meetings, the first is September 18th and the second is on October 16th at the Newbrook Firehouse. Anything we can do to get the word out to any interested folks in Marlboro would be good. Should we have it as a potluck? We are going to order 5 pizzas from Rick's Tavern (Dante will call and see if they will give us a discount and then will get the pizza the day of). We will put out a donation jar and let folks know that there will be some pizza and if they want they can bring a dish.

Budget – traveling reimbursement, conferences, pizza, etc.

Out of \$1000 budget, \$100 for the Conference and Membership to Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions, \$300 for mapping projects, \$100 food for events, \$300 for travel reimbursement, and \$200 for miscellaneous.

Jaime will check with Marlboro Community Center about using the space for our October 16<sup>th</sup> conference.

Discussion of whether we want to highlight wildlife corridors beyond 500 feet from the road or include zones around our wildlife crossings. Do we want predefined set of corridors to refer to in cases of development review beyond 500 feet from roads. There is general agreement that this would be a good idea, drawing in our crossings first and then perhaps after incorporating this coming winter's data, having Jeff Nugent make new maps for us. Ashley will sketch in his proposed revisions to the map and then we can talk about updates to the road crossings.

Discussion of recent bear sightings.

Maybe set up a new inaturalist wildlife sightings project that we can post on the Facebook Marlboro Wild group, Front Porch Forum, etc.