

TOWN OF MARLBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 12nd, 2018
7:00 PM
Town Office, South Road

Minutes

Called to order at 7:06. Members present – Ashley Bies, Chair, Jamie Tanner, Pieter van Loon, Mike Purcell, Dante Corsano.

- The minutes from the October meeting were not sent out ahead of time, so will be reviewed at the December meeting. Ashley reminded the CC that draft minutes are expected within 5 days of a meeting. For efficiency's sake, it makes sense to send the draft minutes to all CC members and Lauren MacArthur, Select Board Assistant, at the same time.
- High Meadows Fund (HMF) Grant – The grant application is due to HMF by mid-week. Ashley has a draft of the application written by the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), but has not had time to review it. He helped draft the section that involves networking between towns and investigation into wildlife corridors shared by member towns.
- Update on recent Environmental Consultant requests and Reports for building projects in the Wildlife Habitat Overlay Zone.
 - A site visit to the Eichelberger/Difeo property at 2601 Ames Hill Road was completed on Sunday, Nov.4. The CC will present a report to the Development Review Board (DRB) stating our belief that the development of the house site is in conformance with Section 354 - Standards and Special Requirements for Development Activities in the Wildlife Habitat Overlay – of the Marlboro Zoning regulations.
 - Nathan Rupard's property off Fish Road was surveyed on Nov.11. Ashley met Nathan and walked the area. He found no significant wildlife habitat elements. One other visit will be done, tentatively in two weeks, to look in a valley to the west of the property.
 - Some discussion ensued about the form of the site visit report. There was agreement that the report should serve as both a technical report for the DRB and as an educational document for landowners. Another option would be to create two documents, one more official one for the DRB and one in that is more informational for landowners.
 - Jamie suggested that it might be beneficial to develop a handout that Forrest can give to new landowners that offers CC services to assess wildlife habitat and suggest ways to avoid negative consequences of development.
- Discuss possible designs for remapping wildlife road crossings and identifying corridors between them.

- Ashley reviewed crossings that are either not considered significant or are missing from the map based on his observations. It was decided that another year of tracking and data gathering would happen before any new maps are printed.
- Check in on Town~wide invasive species monitoring Summer project undertaken by Marlboro College student Ryan Stampfli.
 - Ryan has given Jamie a written report and is working on maps.
- Discuss potential additional CC members.
 - Anna Barrio is interested but will not be able to consider it before spring.
- Organize Minutes taking for future meetings.
 - Kevin is on deck for the Dec. meeting.

Adjourned – 8:52

Submitted by Pieter van Loon