

TOWN OF MARLBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, March 11th, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Town Office, South Road

Minutes

**Present:** Ashley Bies, Jaime Tanner, Mike Purcell, Pieter van Loon, Kevin Kennedy

- Reviewed and approved minutes from last two meetings (10~Dec~18 and 14~Jan~19).
- Open discussion of potential new business.  
Mike Purcell noted that there is an opening for a new member of the Hogback Planning Commission.
- Elections for CC Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.  
Ashley Bies was re-elected chair and Jaime Tanner was re-elected vice chair.
- Considered potential CC, Windham Solid Waste Management District, and Windham Regional Commission representatives from Marlboro.
- Discuss education and outreach possibilities, including for wildlife movement habitat through Town.  
Kevin will create a Marlboro CC FB page, and will make all commissioners administrators. We'll all try to regularly post to the page, and will invite people to post to it (good source: game cams). We'll use it both to educate on the work of the CC, and also share interesting and fun information about wildlife in town. We'll work to have value added with blurbs on it. In the summer we can post about invasives, let people know about borrowing the [PullerBear](#) weed wrench. Also should make an effort to get an article in each issue of the Marlboro Mixer. It could be reporting on things that we're doing, and/or educating on various aspects of wildlife and conservation in Marlboro.  
Jaime will write an article for the next issue of the Marlboro Mixer, and we'll look into doing a regular column for it. Kevin will try to organize regular columns to be written by CC members.  
Consider organizing an [iNaturalist](#) training session for tracking.  
We will look into identifying property owners who have significant wildlife crossings on their properties, to pro-actively discuss the CC's work.
- Update from wildlife road crossing surveys so far this Winter, in terms both of remapping wildlife road crossings and identifying corridors between them and of public outreach.  
Daniel XXX, a Marlboro College student, has been researching wildlife crossings as

part of his academic work. Once Ashley reviews his data, it can be incorporated. Come spring, we'll incorporate new findings onto the crossings map.

- Update from Selectboard consultation: Potential request for speed studies along Rt 9 and amount and availability of projected 2019 CC budget.  
Permanent speed zone has been put in place at Marlboro Elementary.
- Discussed configuration of overlay zoning at termini of dead~end roads: Should Wildlife Habitat Overlay begin where the road ends, 500' beyond it, or at another distance? Did not come up with a final recommendation for change. Will invite a member of the planning commission to a future meeting to discuss:  
Updates on wildlife movement patterns and out thoughts on how to address them  
Discussion of the incipient collaboration among towns and Green Mountain Forest  
Discussion of the overlay map  
Discussion of greater collaboration between CC and Planning Commission
- Update on SE VT Collaborative Wildlife Linkage Conservation process.
- Organize Minutes taking for future meetings (and circulation of present draft minutes). Minute-taking for future meetings:  
April : Pieter van Loon  
May: Mike Purcell  
June: Jaime Tanner  
July: Kevin Kennedy

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kennedy