

Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
5/13/19

Present: Ashley, Mike, Dante, Jaime, Pieter

- Approval of the revised minutes from last meeting (4/8/19)
- At our next meeting we have invited Marlboro's new Energy Coordinator, David Eichelberger just to touch base, update each other on projects and discuss potential areas to collaborate.
- Update on the regional Conservation Commission Meeting  
The Windham County Natural Conservation District is now funded to coordinate a Windham Conservation Event E-Newsletter  
(<http://windhamcountynrcd.org/windham-conservation-events-e-newsletter/>)

We should plan to send any events that we are hosting to the newsletter in the future.

Guilford CC gave a brief presentation on Emerald Ash Borer and strategies for preparing or responding to potential infestation.

Pieter suggested that we should host a talk on Emerald Ash Borer for Marlboro residents with Pieter and state forester Paul Schneski as presenters, maybe next month. Pieter will check with Paul Schneski on dates.

- Update on SE VT Collaborative Wildlife Linkage Conservation  
(we should put our next meeting (Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at a location TBA) on the E-Newsletter

Our last meeting was two weeks ago on the college campus to discuss the scope and goals of the grant.

CC Members from Halifax, Guilford, Newfane, Wardsboro and Marlboro were present.

We discussed the 5 pillars of the Collaborative project which include –Education & Outreach, Sustainability of Group, Municipal Planning & Visioning, & Science. We might have subgroups meeting to work on each category after we work through the Mission of the collaborative and create an action plan moving forward.

- Planning Commission – potential collaboration. They will be interested in our update of areas of importance for wildlife habitats and road crossings and also perhaps a prioritization ranking of the habitats and crossings and the level of threat for fragmentation. We might collaborate with them in generating our updated map of wildlife sightings and crossings.

- Update on education and outreach possibilities, including for wildlife movement habitat through Town. – Will check in with Kevin on the facebook page
- We talked about possibly also hosting an Invasives Identification walk in June or July where we can also demonstrate how the Puller Bear works.
- This Saturday 10-12 South Pond Clean-up we will bring the Puller Bear to take out buckthorn and advertise that we have this to loan out.
- We started reviewing the road crossing maps with Ashley's newest data and discussed criteria (number of sitings, habitat fragmentation, etc. that we can use to update new crossings and to prioritize crossings for future discussions with the Planning commission.