

TOWN OF MARLBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 11th, 2019
7:00 PM
Town Office, South Road

DRAFT Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Members Present - Ashley Bies, Mike Purcell, Jaime Tanner, Pieter van Loon

Members of the Public - Eric Slayton

- Reviewed and approved minutes from our last official meeting (28~Oct~19).
- Ashley led a brief discussion on the CC's role and recent work for Eric's benefit, as he is considering joining the CC.
- Jamie gave an update on the SE VT Collaborative Wildlife Linkage Conservation working group process. There were progress reports done by all the sub-groups:
 - · Listening/Visioning Sessions
 - · Town Planning
 - · Data Inventory & Linkage Mapping
 - · Place-Based Programs
 - · Neighborhood Conservation
 - · Cross border Partnerships/Connections

There is a possibility that Marlboro will host the first listening/visioning session. Some discussion ensued on the Community Visioning session done a few years back with the VT Council on Rural Development. Pieter will contact Forrest to see what documents he may have related to that session and we will then decide whether to go forward. See links below:

<https://www.vtrural.org/programs/community-visits/reports/marlboro>
https://www.vtrural.org/sites/default/files/10-05-03_Reformer_0.pdf

- We will be hosting the December 9th Windham County Conservation Commissions and Organizations meeting. The meeting will be held at the Community Center and will begin with a potluck meal. All CCs will have chance to update attendees on their current work. The rest of the agenda will be finalized by Ashley and Jaime after consultation with speakers. One of our goals is to describe the work we have been doing locally on wildlife linkages and give folks from towns that are not engaged in the effort an opportunity to consider what role they could play and how they could help expand the effort.

Eric suggested all CCs could send in a synopsis of their recent work in digital form ahead of time. These could be aggregated and available to folks after the meeting.

All members expressed a willingness to be facilitators and note takers if there is a small group break-out session.

This meeting will occur instead of our regular December CC meeting.

- The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) presentation is set for this coming Thursday. Pieter, Sam Schneski, Windham County Forester and Judy Rosovsky, Agency of Ag. State Entomologist, will present on the life cycle of EAB, the infestation in VT, and how to plan for a future with EAB.
- We review our budget and found we have spent precious little this year. Pieter will send an invoice for the Puller Bear and Ashley will submit for mileage reimbursement for last winter's wildlife tracking survey work. Ashley will also check with Windham Regional to see if we owe them for maps printed prior to the Fair.
- Eric is considering joining the CC. Others who have been interested are too busy at present.
- Our next meeting will be on January 13th.
- Ashley will submit the approved minutes and Pieter will get the draft minutes of this meeting out by the end of the week. Mike is on deck for minutes in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted:

Pieter van Loon