

Town of Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:00 - 7:25 pm

Draft Minutes

CC Members: Hannah Brookman, Lindy Corman (Chair), Hunter Jack (Secretary), Eva Grimaldi (co-chair), Mike Purcell, Christina Schneider

Guest attendees: Katherine Andrews, Beth Johnson

Called to order by Chair at 6:05 pm

November's Minutes Need to be Emailed to all members before approval

Identify Any Changes to the Agenda:

Introduction to prospective new members; Discussion of our contribution to the mixer; ash borer update; Hendricks land update; funds for trails grant; zoning amendment discussion

New Business

- Brief introductory remarks between members and brief summation of our work so far

Scheduled Business

- Conservation Commission budget - historically has been a nominal +/- \$200 for printing fees or a stipend for a speaker. So far the CC has spent \$0, but with ideas for printing out large scale maps created by CC or providing stipends for guest speakers, it was agreed to ask for \$300.
- Mixer contribution - **Hannah** will research which species to submit to the mixer with a deadline of December 15th. Japanese Barberry.
- Ash tree ID - **Eva** will write an email to both the CC and to participants of the ash tree inventory about the new prize awarded to participants who id 50 or more trees. Emerald Star Prize
- Hendricks Land - Review of the Hendricks Land presentation by Jenny Ramstetter. It was decided during the community info session that the Conservation Commission would be the mouthpiece to provide news updates about this issue to the community via FPF, Facebook, etc. **Hannah** will email Jenny to check in about their grant application. **Lindy** will email Jenny as well about the possibility of applying for the Recreational Trails Program grant (deadline December 15th) that might help the Green Mountain Conservancy fundraising cause.
- Changes to the zoning - Public Hearing Saturday December 16th, 2-3pm. Discussion about Amendment 2 to Article 3: Enumeration of qualified entities for participation in zoning variance/ setback applications. Is there a way to include language in the zoning that will trigger an

automatic alert to the Conservation Commission when environmental review and comment is needed? Discussion about Amendment 3 to Article 3 re: “stonger” language discouraging development and seeking environmental review in wildlife overlay zones. **Eva** will attend the next Development Review Board meeting to discuss this idea and email Mary Sargent.

- **Lindy** will continue to pursue communication with Margo Ghia and Jamie Tanner about the cobwebbed funds that were ostensibly earned by a previous Conservation Commission regarding a regional project coordinated by Windham Regional Commission and Windham Connectivity Collaborative about wildlife corridors. Where did this grant money go?
- CC members committed to reading state literature “Best Management Practices for Resolving Human-Beaver Conflicts in Vermont” and will present on sections next meeting
 - Lindy** - Page 1-10
 - Christina** - Appendix 1-6
 - Eva** - Appendix 7 +8
 - Hannah** - Appendix 9-12
 - Mike, Hunter, Katherine** - overview
- Facebook page: **Hannah** is an admin and will make **Christina** an admin as well