## **Town of Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:00-7:15 pm, Town Office

CC Members present:

Hannah Brookman (secretary); , Lindy Corman (Co-Chair),, Jeremiah Wollack, Eric Slayon, Hunter Jack (Co-Chair)

## Absent:

Eva Grimaldi, Mike Purcell,

Lindy Corman opened the Meeting at 6:03.

Lindy brought Hazard Mitigation-revised plan copy pages 43,49 and 63 pertain to us.

Jeremiah will get in touch with Cherry Cori about the iNaturalist Invasives Walk

Jeremiah and Eric were added to the con com email account.

Jeremiah reported on research on Current use. Does a municipality have juristiction over current use?

- -Report from Jeremiah on his meeting with state person
- -Vermont right to conduct forestry: towns have no pervue over logging.

- -no action permitted by neighbors.
- Jeremiah spoke to Kieth Thompson:Private Lands Program Management from VT agency of Natural Resources
- -"intense logging is actually good" but the economics were not discussed
- -"logging is better for management than preservation"
- -VT right to conduct forestry operations title 12 chapter 196 (Hunter read aloud, and found options for legal complaint)
- -Jeremiah called Steve Hardy: forester to Sally White property, and didn't get much information
- -Jeremiah researched act 146- reserve forestland that meets strict peramiters . Went into effect 2023.
- -Jeriemiah contacted Vermont league of cities and towns: advicates for cities, asking what options we have to contest logging practices.
- -Eric suggested we find lawyers to ask about nuisance lawsuits.
- -Jerimiah's idea of creating a fund that would reimburse landowners for the tax savings of current use.
- -Hunter questions this fund-"how much would it need to be?"
- -Lindy brought up Carbon Cedit Offsets as an alternative to logging for tax breaks
- -Lindy mentioned another logging site on Lower Dover road
- -Does Forest know when the next project is slated?
- -Sam Schneski is local forester and Jerrimiah will contact him soon
- -plan a town info session about current use with experts from both sides (preservation-logging)

Plan for town fair- have a list for people in current use to sign up for info session.

Lindy moved to end the meeting. Hunter seconded. Meeting called to an end at 7:17