

Minutes from the Craftsbury Conservation Commission meeting 7/17/23 - In attendance:

Steve Moffatt (chair), Colin Netzley (secretary), Farley Brown, Nancy Milholland, Diane Ross (treasurer), Liz Keglör, Elinor Osborn

Absent: Doug Wolcik, Susie Houston (SB liaison)

Guest: Coral Guerrero

-Meeting called to order by Steve at 7:06

-New agenda items - Japanese Knotweed Site discussion with Coral Guerrero

-Approval of minutes - Diane moved to approve May minutes, Elinor 2nd, unanimous

-Japanese Knotweed Site discussion - Coral presented a brief explanation of his SYRP (senior year research project) using tubes of burlap filled with inoculated wood shavings/chips to create sediment catches to reduce erosion. Coral has already worked at Black Dirt Farm in Stannard using this method of erosion control and wanted to offer his services to the Conservation Commission at the JK demo site. Coral offered his services free of charge and offered free of charge monitoring and maintenance of the project. Elinor to check in with Fish & Wildlife (their property). Coral to check measurements at the demo site and prepare a proposal to submit to Steve and the CCC. Diane moves that once Coral presents a written proposal and Elinor receives approval from F&W, a special meeting be called to approve Coral's proposal. Farley 2nd, unanimous

-Act 171 - Field walks with Planning Commission/Snowshoe hikes in January/February to have conversations with public about connectivity blocks to promote awareness and understanding of Act 171 for Craftsbury

-Hardwick Conservation Commission report - Colin attended the 5/17 Hardwick Conservation Commission meeting where Matt Peters presented on his work of establishing an updated Natural Heritage Inventory. Attached to minutes is Colin's report (see below).

-WG Reports-

Invasives - Elinor requests volunteers to rip out knotweed along roadside. Elinor will ask at special/next meeting.

Lakes and Ponds - From early July through September, volunteers will be taking samples from Little Hosmer to monitor water quality. VT state will be testing the samples.

-Next meeting agenda items:

- Act 171 update

- New member discussion

- Knotweed site discussion