

CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 21, 2021

7:00 p.m., Craftsbury Town Hall

PRESENT: Stephen Moffatt, Farley Brown, June Pichel Cook, Susie Houston (Sel. Bd. Liaison), Brian Machesney, Diane Morgan, Ashley Nunery, Elinor Osborn

ABSENT: Carol Maroni, Heidi Rich

MINUTES: Diane moved to approve the revised minutes circulated by June on June 21; Elinor seconded the motion. In discussion, several amendments were made: page 2, paragraph 1, change “She” to “Steve”; page 2, paragraph 1, change “needs to” to “must”; page 2, paragraph 2, change “Hardware cloth” to “Some hardware cloth”; page 2, paragraph 2, change “mow flat area” to “weed whack around plantings”. Ashley moved to approve the amended minutes; Elinor seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 7-1 vote.

WORKING GROUPS: Steve clarified that the Commission will organize itself into Working Groups to establish and achieve specific goals. After discussion, Diane moved that:

The Craftsbury Conservation Commission will organize itself into four (4) Working Groups for 2021: Conservation Fund Promotion and Growth; Educational Outreach; Invasive and Non-native Species Control; Natural Heritage Inventory.

Farley seconded the motion. The motion carried by an 8-0 vote. Working Groups are constituted as:

- Conservation Fund Promotion and Growth: led by Steve, staffed by Diane and Farley
- Educational Outreach: led by Ashley, staffed by June, Heidi
- Invasive and Non-native Species Control: led by Elinor, staffed by Diane, Steve, Brian
- Natural Heritage Inventory: led by Farley, staffed by Brian

Steve tasked each Working Group to present its 2021 goals at the next meeting.

STEVE WRIGHT MEMORIAL BENCH: Select Board and Village Improvement Society decided to anchor the bench outside the fence, to the west of the large maple tree near the southeast corner of the Common. Farley will seek a convenient date from the Wright family for a dedication ceremony. The plaque was stored in the Conservation Commission drawer at Town Hall. It will be secured to the bench with locking screws at the dedication ceremony.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED CONTROL DEMONSTRATION SITE: Elinor –

- Reviewed her report on visit to Warren and Waitsfield
- Signed up volunteers for June 25 work day and June 26 demo day
- Will issue a second public notice of demo day on FPF
- Coordinated notices and handouts for demo day and display

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susie’s suggestion that CCC enter a promotional float in the Old Home Day parade on August 14 was received with enthusiasm.

ADMINISTRATION: Carol Maroni resigned from the Commission. The Commission hereby expresses its gratitude for Carol’s many years of valuable service. June Pichel Cook resigned as Secretary.

NEXT MEETING: The Commission will meet on July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Submitted by Brian Machesney