

CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

December 20, 2021

Called to order at 7:00 p.m., Craftsbury Town Hall

PRESENT: Steve Moffat, Diane Morgan, June Pichel Cook, Brian Machesney, Farley Brown, Elinor Osborn, Ashley Nunery, Liz Keglор, Colin Netzley, Susie Houston (Selectboard Liaison)

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Farley: municipal planning grant; Susie: Town Meeting update.

NEW COMMISSIONERS: Steve welcomed Liz Keglор and Colin Netzley to the Conservation Commission and asked them to join working group(s) that interest them.

LIST OF NATURAL RESOURCES WEB SITES: June reviewed the attached list of websites for inclusion on the Conservation Commission's page of the Town website. Diane moved to accept June's list, with the additions of Vermont Center for Ecostudies and the Vermont Woodlands Association. Brian seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ASH TREE INVENTORY REPORT TO SELECTBOARD: Brian and Rob Libby presented the draft plan to the Selectboard on October 26, 2021. The Selectboard approved the creation of an *ad hoc* Committee to perform the inventory. Given the absence of EAB in Craftsbury and nearby towns, Brian and Rob will survey other towns for possible inventory approaches and pilot several approaches in 2022 before performing a fuller inventory in 2023. Presentation posted with Selectboard minutes.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT: Craftsbury received a \$22,000 municipal planning grant, which the Town is matching with \$4,000 from the Good Neighbor Fund, to create a Master Plan. The Planning Commission will present its recommendations to the Selectboard in February 2023.

TOWN MEETING REPORT: Steve and Brian will draft and circulate for comments. Deadline is January 14, 2022.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- Conservation Fund: Farley and Diane began drafting a flyer for Town Meeting and for posting at local gathering spots. Susie noted that approval of money for the Conservation Fund may be more difficult because this is the final year of the Good Neighbor Fund. Diane moved that the Conservation Commission request the Selectboard to warn a Town Meeting article requesting \$7,000 from the Good Neighbor Fund for the Craftsbury Conservation Fund. June seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Invasives: Elinor has asked a botanist for help identifying the "Jerusalem Artichoke" found at the Japanese Knotweed demonstration plot last summer. If it is indeed Jerusalem Artichoke, Fish & Wildlife recommend that we control it, even though it may be a native species.

NEXT MEETING: The Commission will meet on January 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Proposed agenda to include: reaffirm Conservation Fund warning vote; approve October and December 2021 meeting minutes; review Conservation Fund flyer; Kingdom Community Wind update.

Farley moved to adjourn at 8:13pm. Brian seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Submitted by Brian Machesney, Secretary

Resources

Inbox



June Cook Dec 20, 2021, 5:01 PM

to Diane, Elinor, Susie, Farley, Stephen, June, Ashley, me, cnetzley, greenvillagesoap

Statement and links:

Here is the list of websites and a statement re endorsement. I need to talk with Michelle on linkages so everything conforms to the same format.

Links to Other Natural Resource Websites: (The following websites are listed to provide resources for informational purposes and does not represent an endorsement or support by the Craftsbury Conservation Commission.)

- Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions
 - EcoNewsVT
- Keeping Tracks
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Nature.org (Nature Conservancy)
- Northernriverslandtrust.org
- Oriannesociety.org
- Protectourwildlife.org
- Vermont Conservation Commission Statute
- Vermont Fish & Wildlife
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
- VLT.org (Vermont Land Trust)
- Vermont Geological Survey
- Vermont Agency of Agriculture
- Northeastern Vermont Development Association
- Vermont Coverts