

Craftsbury Conservation Commission Minutes (Draft)

February 21, 2022

Called to order at 7:02 p.m., Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Steve Moffatt, Diane Morgan, Elinor Osborn, Ashley Nunery, Liz Kegl

Absent: June Cook, Colin Netzley, Farley Brown, Brian Machesney, Susie Houston
(Selectboard Liaison)

Agenda Additions: Diane: weed wrenches; Steve: change to Conservation Fund ballot

Approval of October and December 2021 Minutes: Elinor moved to approve the minutes from October and December 2021. Diane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Note: There was no meeting in November and January's meeting was canceled due to weather.

Change to Conservation Fund ballot: Steve shared that the Selectboard has decided to use this year's Good Neighbor Fund towards town hall maintenance and repairs, as this is the last year of the Fund. This is mentioned briefly in the Selectboard's town report. As such, if passed, the Conservation Fund ballot item (Article 7) will not be funded by the Good Neighbor Fund. The Good Neighbor Fund is not mentioned in Article 7.

Reaffirm Conservation Fund warning: Article 7 reads: "Shall the town appropriate a sum of \$7,000 to the Craftsbury Conservation Fund?". Ashley moved to approve the warning as written. Liz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Weed wrenches: Diane was forwarded an email request from a towns person who wanted to borrow a weed wrench. They are located at town hall, so Diane will coordinate with Michelle and the person looking to borrow the wrench. The group discussed the possibility of storing the wrenches at the library, which loans out other types of tools and equipment.

Conservation Fund flyer/outreach and education: Steve is planning to attend the town's information meeting on Saturday, February 26th. Diane reported that the Conservation Fund Committee worked on updating a flyer about the Fund. Steve posted on FPF, encouraging others to support Article 7. Liz is planning to post on FPF as well, sharing the Conservation Commission's mission and more about what the Conservation Fund is and how it could be used. Diane mentioned that some towns' Conservation Funds are grown through a small portion per appraised value and suggested that we

consider this for future years. Diane also suggested updating the town report language to read “Craftsbury Conservation Fund” where it currently says “Conservation Commission Fund” as these funds are not the Commission’s operating funds. Diane reported that people can make donations to the Fund and Elinor suggested that we make sure any flyers or outreach materials include how to donate.

Kingdom Community Wind updates: Steve spoke with Carol Maroni who reported that there are no recent changes. The most recent letter from Kingdom Community Wind stated that the radar wasn’t feasible. Steve should be provided updates from Kingdom Community wind.

Working group reports

- **Education & Outreach:** Diane suggested an informational FPF post focused on new endangered and threatened species list designations. Ashley offered to write this post in March.
- **Conservation Fund:** described above

Next meeting: The Commission will meet next on March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Proposed agenda items include: weed wrench location, fundraising, new possibilities for the year, and re-electing officers.

Ashley made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Liz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Submitted by Ashley Nunery