

## CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

April 18, 2022

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, Liz Kegl, Colin Netzlay; **Absent:** Ashley Nunery, Susie Houston (Selectboard Liaison)

Steve called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Elinor moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting. Liz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**WEED WRENCH LOAN:** Steve reported that the Craftsbury Public Library board was enthusiastic about hosting the Weed Wrench loan program. Steve will ensure that the loan agreement includes language to disclaim responsibility for personal injury. The CCC page on the Town website must be edited to reflect the new arrangement.

**OUTREACH WG PROGRESS ON CONSERVATION FUND ENGAGEMENT:** Ashley's email of March 29, 2022 (attached) was read aloud. The Group will promote the Conservation Fund at a *BioBlitz* they will host at the Academy Woodlot on June 4, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They will attempt to recruit the 2019 leaders to return.

**JOB DESCRIPTION PROGRESS:** Diane and June handed out printed copies of a draft Job Description to discuss at the next Commission meeting. Commissioners were asked to send their individual comments only to June and Diane, in conformance with Open Meeting regulations.

**SELECTBOARD RESPONSE TO GMP/ADLS PROBLEM:** Brian reported that, at their March 22, 2022 meeting, the Selectboard supported the Commission's investigation of the situation with other stakeholders and interested parties. They instructed the Commission not to engage in discussions concerning legal actions. June will confirm the presence of the ADLS requirement in the CPG for the Lowell wind project. If confirmed, Brian will attempt to contact suppliers to learn about options. Steve will follow up with Green Mountain Club, re: escalation of his discussion with Matt Krebs, party status, etc.

**MICROGRID PROJECT PROPOSAL:** The possible impacts of the proposed project were discussed. Steve will register the Commission's position with the Selectboard and the Energy Committee that there is insufficient information to assess the potential for impact on resource conservation.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Commission will meet on May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Proposed agenda to include: *BioBlitz* planning status (Outreach WG); Job description progress; GMP/ADLS investigation status; Weed Wrench loan agreement and website language; Microgrid project status.

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

Submitted by Brian Machesney, Secretary

# Education and Outreach Committee (*sic*) Updates

Inbox

Craftsbury Conservation Commission



**Ashley Nunery** Wed, Apr 13, 2:55 PM

to me, Steve

Hello Brian and Steve,

As I mentioned, I am unable to attend our CCC meeting next week. Here are updates from the Education and Outreach Committee.

The Education and Outreach Committee (along with Steve and Farley) met on March 29th to talk about possibilities for this summer. There was a lot of interest in organizing another BioBlitz. The group felt that this type of event may draw a lot of people and may complement some of the other workshops being offered through local libraries this spring and summer. We considered several locations - the Greenspace, the Outdoor Center, and the Woodlot - however after talking with Elinor and Susie, we decided upon the Academy Woodlot. The last BioBlitz was held there in 2019, so this would allow us to begin to gather long-range data. The tentative date is Saturday, June 4th from 1 - 3pm, which is similar to the timing from 2019. We are also considering offering an iNaturalist workshop beforehand.

The next step will be to line up group leaders. The group leaders from 2019 as listed below. It'd be great to have some returning group leaders if possible, however we welcome others too (suggestions welcome)!

Birds - Dave Brown, Marie LaPre' Grabon

Insects - Jerry Schneider

Plants - Susan Sawyer

Fungi - Chad Fox

Mosses - Susan Sawyer

Ferns - Michael Lew-Smith

Mammals - Emily Brodsky

Aquatic - Farley Brown

Trees - Ann Ingerson

Amphibians - Kiley Briggs