

CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 20, 2022

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

PRESENT: Steve Moffat, Diane Morgan, Brian Machesney, Farley Brown, Elinor Osborn, Liz Kegl, Colin Netzlay, Ashley Nunery; **Absent:** June Pichel Cook, Susie Houston (Selectboard Liaison)

Steve called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Elinor moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting. Liz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

BIG TREE CHALLENGE / CONSERVATION FUND PROMOTION: The Outreach WG will conduct the event from mid-August through September, culminating in an awards event at the Craftsbury Farmers Market on October 8, 2022. Entry forms will be available online and at the Craftsbury Public Library. The WG will present final details at the July meeting.

GMP/ADLS INVESTIGATION STATUS: Brian was able to locate and circulate the CPG language to Steve and June, confirming our understanding that GMP agreed to condition 34, re: Object Collision Avoidance System. Brian will contact our State representatives to investigate possible courses of action.

NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY WORKING GROUP MAPPING REVIEW: Colin led a discussion of maps showing interior and connectivity forest blocks, natural resources constraints, an overlay of the two, and current use participants. Jens Hilke of ANR agreed to join our October 2022 meeting to discuss the maps, Act 171 impacts, reasonable objectives and how we might deploy the Conservation Fund.

INVASIVES WG UPDATE: Elinor announced a work day at the Japanese Knotweed demonstration site for June 25, 2022.

ASH TREE INVENTORY UPDATE: Brian reviewed the experiments performed with Rob Libby to assess the number of volunteers needed to inventory Ash trees in the Town right-of-way. They discovered by uploading data to ANR's *BioFinder* that GPS information taken from smartphone photographs accurately locates the trees.

NEXT MEETING: The Commission will meet on July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Proposed agenda to include: Big Tree Challenge details (Outreach WG); Invasives WG update; GMP/ADLS investigation status.

Colin moved to adjourn at 8:30pm; Brian seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Submitted by Brian Machesney, Secretary