

## **CRAFTSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

July 18, 2022

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

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

Steve called the meeting to order.

**NEW AGENDA ITEM:** Susie requested addition of ARPA funds, Old Home Day parade discussions.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Steve notified the Commission that June Pichel Cook has resigned from the Commission, effectively immediately.

**MINUTES:** Colin moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting. Ashley seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**BIG TREE CONTEST / CONSERVATION FUND PROMOTION:** Kickoff planned for Old Home Day, culminating in awards event at Craftsbury Farmers Market on October 8, 2022. Prize donations are pouring in. Details of paper forms handling have been finalized.

**INVASIVES WG UPDATE:** Recruiting volunteers via Front Porch Forum to assist with JK control at the demo site. Steve will ask the road crew if they plan to “ditch” TH19. Elinor is working to level the “mowing demo” so F&W can add it to their Little Hosmer mowing routine. Diane reports there are sufficient volunteers to monitor Little Hosmer Pond weekly for aquatic invasives. The library is admonishing borrowers to wash kayaks before and after use.

**GMP/ADLS INVESTIGATION STATUS:** The PUC will discuss our request for information on September 22, 2022.

**SUBJECTS FOR OCTOBER ANR GUEST:** Present ask: review and react to land-use maps Colin created; "status" of forest blocks viz Act 171; how to deploy Conservation Fund in Act 171 context; steps available to town with no zoning regulations. No new ideas were advanced.

**ARPA FUND REQUESTS:** Susie reminded us of the information meeting on July 27 and September 6 due date for proposal applications. Funds could support: Ash Tree Inventory and/or eventual Ash removal; Natural Heritage and/or cultural inventory (with Planning Commission); addition to Conservation fund.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Commission will meet on August 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Proposed agenda to include: ARPA ideas; ANR guest topics; GMP/ADLS update; WG reports.

Brian moved to adjourn at 7:49pm; Colin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Submitted by Brian Machesney, Secretary